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Floodgates to open with scarce supply

Limited vax stock may cripple next phase launch; Sputnik V doses expected to arrive by May-end

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

EVEN as the country is gearing up to open the floodgates of vaccination for all (18 years and above) from May 1, the drive may get off to a slow start owing to acute shortage of supply.

The liberalised vaccination drive comes at a time when Covishield and Covaxin supply is limited. Already, in many states, those above 45 years are struggling to secure slots for their first or even second dose.

Serum Institute, with a production capacity of six crore doses a month, and Bharat Biotech with a capacity of one crore doses, are too stretched to meet the huge demands even though all efforts are on to raise their production capacity quickly.

Experts say the shortage will continue for some time as foreign supplies may not be available for several weeks. Sources said Russian vaccine Sputnik V may be available by May-end.

According to Health Ministry officials, the Centre has procured over 17 crore vaccine doses so far and is looking to procure another 58 crore by September, which will be sufficient for the 34 crore-odd priority groups (45 years and above). States and private hospitals will have to arrange on their own for vaccinating those in the 18-44 year group.

"Where is the vaccine for the youth? It is easy to make an announcement," said public health expert Antony Kollanur. He feels vaccination for the 18-44 year age group should have been opened only after completion of the second dose for health staff and frontline workers as well as completion of first dose for all above 45 years. India would need 188 crore vaccine doses, considering its 94 crore adult population, says economist R Ramakumar.

It may be a humongous challenge, however, to procure that many doses even by the year-end as the government has not made any prior agreement with any foreign makers.

MUMBAI TO GIVE JAB ONLY AT PVT HOSPITALS

Mumbai: Registered citizens in the age group between 18 and 44 years will get their Covid vaccines only at the vaccination centres of private hospitals for now, the Greater Mumbai Municipal Corporation said on Tuesday

Technicians refilling oxygen cylinders to cater to the growing demand at a unit at Mancheswar in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday | Biswanath Swain

NATIONWIDE

	APRIL 26	APRIL 27
Fresh cases	3,52,991	3,23,144
Recoveries	2,19,272	2,51,827
Deaths	2,812	2,771

JAB-O-METER TAKE YOUR SHOT

April 26: 31,74,688 doses

April 27: 24,55,869 doses

TOTAL DOSES: 14,77,27,054

SHARP BYTES

Looking at it from an Indian point of view, how are these companies and franchises spending so much money...on the IPL when there's people not being able to get accepted into hospital?

Andrew Tye, Rajasthan Royals pacer who left for Australia midway the IPL

It's challenging and things have to be managed for the players and staff, and we know the horrific nature of what's happening outside the bubble.

Eoin Morgan, KKR skipper

OUR IPL SPACE: P17

AAP govt gets a rocket

New Delhi: Angered over AAP government's mismanagement of the Covid situation, the Delhi High Court said it will ask the Centre to take over 'if you cannot manage it' | P9

STATEWIDE

	APR 26	APR 27
Fresh cases	29,744	31,830
Recoveries	10,663	10,793
Deaths	201	180

VEDANTA CAN RUN OXYGEN UNIT: SC

New Delhi: The SC on Tuesday allowed Vedanta to operate its closed oxygen plant at Tuticorin, saying the order has been passed in view of the "national need" for the life-sustaining gas | P7

Give state its promised O_2 quota, HC tells Centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

NOTING that the situation is alarming in Bengaluru as there is a huge gap in demand and supply of medical oxygen and Remdesivir, and also the availability of beds, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday directed the Union Government to take immediate steps to allocate 802 metric tons of oxygen per day to Karnataka. An assurance to this effect had earlier been given to the state by the Principal Secretary, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in a letter.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar issued the directive during a special sitting held to deal with PILs arising out of Covid-19, when the court was informed that the allocation to Karnataka is yet to be made, though it was promised on April 24.

The court noted that oxygen supply is a serious issue in the state, specially in Bengaluru. The state's requirement of oxygen is 1,417 metric tons a day in view of the expected 3,24,944 active cases by April 30. It is recorded that the Centre has agreed to allocate 802 metric tons and 812 is Karnataka's domestic production capacity, it noted.

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AUGMENTING MEDICAL O_2, CAN'T HAVE UNLIMITED STOCK: CENTRE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Centre on Tuesday submitted its national plan for Covid-19 preparedness before the Supreme Court, while saying it does not contain micro details on day-to-day management.

The plan gives an overview of the distribution of essential supplies and services, and the efforts to procure medical oxygen from all available sources within and outside India.

"The national plan, however, does not include microscopic details as to the day-to-day management of the issues arising out of different disasters," the affidavit said.

Explaining the medical oxygen situation, the affidavit said, the stock of the life-saving gas cannot be unlimited in any country. "While the government started all-out efforts to augment oxygen resources..., these supplies are to be distributed to all the states, especially those which are critically burdened with high number of active Covid cases, in a balanced manner," the Home Ministry's affidavit said.

It, however, warned that "any singular/isolated deviation in such plan for a particular state (either under a judicial order or otherwise) without keeping in mind the national availability and ever-changing requirements of each state is bound to have a cascading effect on oxygen supply to other states".

On the Remdesivir situation, the 106-page affidavit said its production has been expedited.

Taking *suo motu* cognisance of the issues arising out of the Covid-19 outbreak, the SC had directed the Centre to submit a national plan.

During the hearing, a new bench led by Justice D Y Chandrachud said it never proposed to interdict the high courts that are already seized of the matter, nor enter the executive domain. All it intended to do was to offer suggestions and solutions. The court named Jaideep Gupta and Meenakshi Arora as amicus curaie after Harish Salve recused himself. P9

GRIM SCENE

Karnataka at No. 3 with high Covid-19 deaths

IFFATH FATHIMA @ Bengaluru

WITH the exponential rise in Covid-19 cases during the second wave of the pandemic, the state is also witnessing an increase in the number of deaths. As of Tuesday's figures, Karnataka was at third spot in the country in terms of the high number of deaths, after Maharashtra and Delhi.

The state has so far recorded 14,807 deaths, while Delhi saw 15,009 deaths. Maharashtra has so far seen 66,179 deaths, topping the table. After a long gap, Karnataka recorded a huge number of deaths, at 2,036, between April 1 and 25. The highest number of fatalities on a single day was on April 23, at 208.

Medical experts apprehend that the rise in fatalities in such a short span could perhaps be linked to the shortage of beds, oxygen and even drugs like Remdesivir and Tocilizumab to treat Covid-19 patients. Also, many patients opt for home isolation and reach hospital at a very late stage, which is another contributing factor, they said. With the high volume of positive cases, the state is bound to witness a high number of deaths. The focus should be on testing, tracing and carrying out objective triaging at the earliest to bring down fatalities, they pointed out. P4

COVID FATALITY COUNT

MAHARASHTRA	DELHI	KARNATAKA
66,179	15,009	14,807

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TOTAL DEPOSITS	40970.42	11.26%
TOTAL ADVANCES	31541.03	11.70%
OPERATING PROFIT	1202.04	20.80%
NET PROFIT	603.33	47.99%
NET WORTH	4579.98	15.08%
GROSS NPA	3.44%	-4.97%
NET NPA	1.98%	10%
PCR Ratio	79.53%	-1.51%

AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER / YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 31.03.2021	Year ended 31.03.2021	Year ended 31.03.2020
1.	Total income from Operations (net)	1072.29	4253.22	3992.56
2.	Net Profit /(Loss) from ordinary activities after tax	180.98	603.33	407.69
3.	Net Profit /(Loss) for the period after tax (after extraordinary items)	180.98	603.33	407.69
4.	Equity Share Capital	142.51	142.51	142.51
5.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance sheet of the previous year)	4437.47	4437.47	3837.13
6.	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) Basic and Diluted ( )	12.70*	42.34	28.61
7.	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) Basic and Diluted ( )	12.70*	42.34	28.61

₹ in Crores

* Not annualised

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WEATHER MIN 22°C | MAX 34°C
FORECAST: Showers late. Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 6.00 am | Sunset 6.34 pm | Moonrise 8.00 pm | Moonset 6.54 am

People going for vaccination will have to produce proof of registration | Police will block connecting roads to curb movement; booking of violators to continue | Standalones liquor shops, bars, restaurants can open between 6-10 am

BARRIERS ARE BACK, CARRY PROOF TO MOVE AROUND IN CITY

MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the two-week 'Covid Curfew' imposed by the State Government to contain the spread of Covid, the city police have geared up for strict enforcement of the restrictions.

A senior police officer said that the police will be deployed across the city for strict enforcement of the restrictions. The police, who have been seizing vehicles and booking cases against those violating the curbs, will continue to do so for the next two weeks. The police will block connecting roads too to curb movement of people.

City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant advised people to carry valid documents and proof to avoid inconvenience. "We will enforce the curfew strictly. The policemen will check vehicles that come out on roads during the curfew and if anyone is found violating the restrictions, their vehicles will be seized and such persons will be booked under appropriate laws," he said.

Pant, however, said that people going for vaccination will be allowed but they will have to produce the registration certificate for the vaccination as proof.

Meanwhile, the traffic police have also planned to close flyovers and also allow two-way traffic on one side of the road closing the other, for effective checking and monitoring.

Pant issued prohibitory orders under Section 144(1) of the CrPC across the city on Tuesday to enforce the restrictions imposed by the government. As per the order, all movements/activities restricted by the government will be prohibited and those violating the orders will be prosecuted under provisions of the Disaster Management Act 2005, Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act 2020, and section 188 of the IPC.

Police personnel set up road barricades on the Outer Ring Road in Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru, on Tuesday evening | VINOD KUNAR T

Minister pulls up BBMP officials, gives them 2 days to set up facilities

Bengaluru: Housing Minister V Somnanna on Tuesday expressed displeasure over the "lack of proper preparedness" by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in dealing with the Covid crisis. Disappointed with what he saw on the ground during his inspection on Tuesday morning, the minister warned officials of stern action if all facilities were not in place in the next two days. "Service should be their motto, but this is not the case. The preparation and work which was on the ground last year, is not seen this year. A meeting was held with BBMP officials on April 16 and stern directions were given on what should be done. But despite that there has been no action," he told The New Indian Express. Somanna inspected the facilities on the ground while touring the Covid Care Centre at the veterinary college and the war room in Hebbal, the Ambedkar Medical College and Hospital in KG Halli, the war room in Sarvagna Nagar, the war room in Shanthi Nagar and the CCC on Primrose Road in Shanti Nagar. He gave the BBMP a deadline to get ready the 150-bed CCC in Ambedkar Medical College ready by Friday and the 100-bed CCC on Primrose Road by Wednesday. "Now, no more leniency will be shown," the minister said.

As demand goes up, Rlys announces new trains

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THE "Covid Curfew" since Tuesday evening has pushed up the demand for train tickets from residents of West Bengal and Bihar, who are largely labourers, wanting to leave Bengaluru.

The big waiting list and repeated enquiries at KSR and Yesvantpur railway stations prompted the South Western Railway to announce a special train to Danapur in Bihar on Wednesday morning (8 am departure) and one to Patna at night. The Bengaluru-Danapur Covid special train was fully booked within two hours of opening reservations. SWR had earlier announced a special train from Bengaluru to Howrah on April 30 and one from Bengaluru to Tata Nagar on May 4.

Divisional Railway Manager A K Verma told The New Indian Express, "There was some rush noticed at Bengaluru and Yesvantpur stations for trains towards Bihar and West Bengal. We are announcing new trains in that direction."

Since April 24, SWR has been running five fully reserved weekly special trains, four from Yesvantpur to Howrah, Gorakhpur, Guwanahi and Danapur, and one from Mysuru to Howrah. The trains totally have 7,000 berths.

Many trains cancelled

The Railways has temporarily cancelled the following Express Special trains on different dates starting Wednesday: The Shatabdi between KSR Bengaluru and MGR Chennai Central cancelled both ways from April 28; Kochuveli-Banaswadi-Biweekly Hamsafar Special cancelled from Kochuveli end (April 29) and Banaswadi end (April 30); Coimbatore-KSR Bengaluru - Coimbatore cancelled from both ends on April 29; MGR Chennai Central-Mysuru-Chennai Central cancelled from both ends from April 29, Ernakulam-Banaswadi-Ernakulam Biweekly Superfast Express Special cancelled from May3 from Ernakulam and from May 5 from Banaswadi; Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus-Gadag Express-CSTM cancelled from April 28.

Three pairs of MEMU trains have been cancelled from April 29. They are the Baiyappanahalli-Hosur-Baiyappanahalli, KSR-Hosur-KSR and KSR-Marikuppam-KSR.

LOW-KEY AFFAIR

The Karaga festival will be a simple celebration on Tuesday night with only a few temples taking part due to the Corona curfew and other restrictions | VINOD KUMAR T

BBMP holds meeting with zone heads on vax for all

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru:

WITH vaccination set to begin for those in the 18-45 age group from May 1, and registrations to open from April 28, the Karnataka government has decided to give first priority to healthcare and frontline workers.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta and health officials communicated this on Tuesday, after holding a meeting with experts and zonal and special commissioners. They said that according to the Central government, priority will be given to frontline, healthcare and Covid workers who are above 18 years of age, at all government vaccination centres. Private vaccination centres will not be given the vaccine by BBMP or the government, they will have to procure them directly from manufacturers and administer them at government fixed rates only. Gupta said that BBMP officials will ensure that private hospitals adhere to the guidelines, a meeting on this will be held with private hospitals, and officials will ensure this with regular checks.

Gupta also pointed out that all private hospitals will have to ensure that test reports are generated within 24 hours, and the information is uploaded on the ICMR portal. At the virtual meeting, the chief commissioner directed medical and PHC officers to ensure that while collecting swabs, proper mobile number, address and pin code is collected. Checks should also be done on private labs so that results are uploaded on time, and BU numbers generated. If directions are not adhered to, then stern action will be taken against the officials and labs too.

Liquor shops in supermarkets can't open

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@ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the State Government allowing liquor shops to operate between 6 am and 10 am during the two-week 'Covid Curfew', the Excise department has issued orders modifying the business hours of the shops and imposing restrictions.

As per the order issued on Tuesday, standalone liquor shops (MRP outlets, wine shops, bars and restaurants, and microbreweries) shall be open from 6 am to 10 am. However, shops with Retail Vending of Beer (RVB) licences that sell draught beer (pubs), liquor shops inside malls and supermarkets are not allowed to open. At all shops permitted to be open, only sealed bottles should be sold for takeaway at MRP prices, and food should also be given only as parcels. Allowing people to consume alcohol on the premises will lead to suspension/cancellation of the licence, the order said.

ICU BEDS STILL A PROBLEM, SAYS PALIKE CHIEF

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THERE is no shortage of beds and the availability of government-referred beds in private hospitals is improving, but the number of available ICU beds is still a challenge and the government is working to address it, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said on Tuesday.

Speaking to he media, he said the matter has been flagged to the government and the cabinet is also taking a decision on this. It has been suggested to the government that common beds be given oxygen line connection so that the issue of lack of medical attention does not rise. He said there are 10,000 beds available with the government, but ICU and critical beds are a problem and the government has assured of setting up more hospitals and beds with oxygen in the coming days. In the mean time, the zonal war rooms have also been directed to make arrangements for normal beds to have oxygen lines.

On the issue of 1912 and other helplines not being available for citizens, Gupta said 1912 has been connected to all the zonal war rooms now, connecting it with 400 lines. T

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

28th April: Some planetary patterns have a significance that extends way beyond the time when they actually happen. Many events that happen now are laying the foundations for big developments over the next few years. Some would say we're being drawn to our destiny. I'd say that we are creating our own history!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You are not alone in fearing that social obligations will come unstuck. There is a feeling abroad that plans once treated as sacrosanct should now be open to question. You've got more important things on your mind than merely engaging in small talk.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 -May 21)
Professional ambitions seem to be in reverse. It may be necessary to reconsider important deals or decisions that you thought were signed and sealed. How wrong you were. Still, it is good to have a second chance - and an opportunity to duck out of a commitment.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Certain doubts may creep in to your beliefs due to difficulties caused by Mercury, ruler of thought and communication. Yet you must understand the importance of being able to question your preconceptions and priorities, even to abandon your dreams.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Both you and a partner may feel the effects of a changing economic climate. This may not be the time to act, but it is necessary to check over all details, agreements and deals. At least you can count on a general increase in prosperity over the next seven months.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Relationships are entering a brief frustrating phase, but you must give partners the time and space they need to come to an accommodation worked out by themselves, free from unwanted pressures. If you trust them now, then they will stick by you in the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The last thing you want to do now is force colleagues and associates into agreements or compromises against their will. If you know what's good for you, you will allow partners to have their say. I know you think you're right. And you probably are!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Prognostication for a successful outcome of domestic affairs is good, though frustration and a feeling of being pitted against immovable objects may spoil the atmosphere. Don't use a partner's lack of support as an excuse not to succeed - or even to have a go in the first place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There seems to be little chance of an amicable agreement with relatives or people you live with. You may find it difficult to decide on a personal matter. This is not the right time to settle outstanding questions - you need to wait until circumstances have changed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It's difficult to establish what is really happening in your chart at the moment. This is partly because it's unclear whether current events are prompted by other people or are the result, direct or indirect, of your own past behaviour and indiscretions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You are moving from a depressing period an emotionally inspiring one. Much depends on how far your actions and aspirations are rooted in what is realistically possible. If you're still following an unfulfillable fantasy, then time is running out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Mercury is causing some problems, which is why a number of plans have come unstuck. Its effects may not be felt for months, or even years, to come. So don't attempt to finalise any personal agreement now -at least not until you've heard next week's inspiring news.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Listen to your conscience and give your spiritual development a chance. Don't be pious or pompous. Keep an eye open for all incidents that reveal the real nature of the world you live in. Give partners the benefit of the doubt, rather than making instant judgments.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

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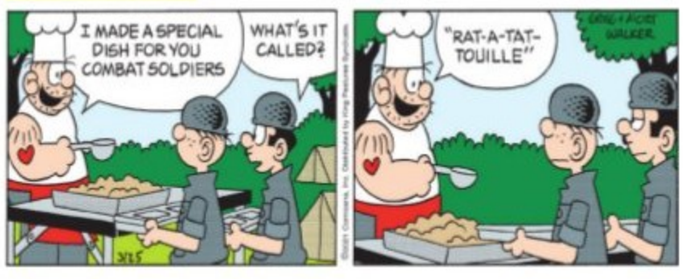

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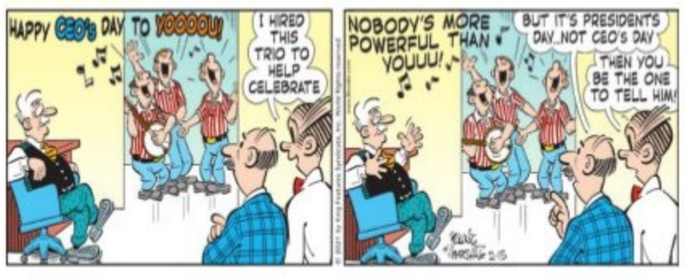
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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

4	9	7	3	5	6	1	8	2
2	3	5	8	7	1	9	6	4
1	6	8	4	2	9	3	7	5
7	5	4	9	6	2	8	3	1
9	8	1	5	3	7	4	2	6
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8	1	2	6	9	3	5	4	7
3	7	9	2	4	5	6	1	8
5	4	6	7	1	8	2	9	3

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Supporter of something wicked (6)
4 Dramatist in conflict about method of payment (6)
9 If you lose it you may slip - into the red? (7)
10 I'm a long time making a picture (5)
11 They spread out in all directions (5)
12 Married eccentric lover (7)
13 Accept that truants won't want to (4,2,5)
18 For doctors with a place in the China Sea (7)
20 Collector's item in 'Twelfth Night' (5)
22 Let in many in the entrance (5)
23 I'm given money to hold legally (7)
24 Track for an athlete (6)
25 There's a change of name here (6)

DOWN
1 It's out of town and out of the country (6)
2 Bribed not to squeal? (5)
3 Scheme to get hotel erected in the bay (7)
5 It may be smoked out of its den (5)
6 Sue is of use (7)
7 Gloomy doctor having a bad year (6)
8 Great madness (11)
14 Some ran badly, running not being their sport (7)
15 Sees trouble, grabs a hat and gets out (7)
16 Sounds like a passable romance (6)
17 Dust we drop all over the place (6)
19 Extravagant version of true love (5)
21 The end of Victor Hugo turned out hard (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Signing, 5 Caber, 8 Live like a lord, 9 Epsom, 10 Replete, 11 Canine, 12 Sacred, 15 Insipid, 17 Cameo, 19 Short sentence, 20 Nadia, 21 Ticklers.

Down: 1 Solve, 2 Gives one's word, 3 Ill omen, 4 Go-kart, 5 Cramp, 6 Broken romance, 7 Redhead, 11 Crimson, 13 Ascetic, 14 Advent, 16 Patna, 18 Omens.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FCLOA

GDUNE

LAFTUN

TRYIGT

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print the answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** BAYOU BUDDY NINETY NEARLY
ANSWER: After the rock group trashed their hotel suite, the hotel manager – BANNED THE BAND

Bengaluru: After postponing examinations indefinitely, the Bangalore University has decided to continue with classes for the next semester online. BU Vice-Chancellor Venugopal K R,on Tuesday told principals of all affiliated colleges offering post-graduate courses to commence classes for the second year PG students from May 5.

Cong to set up war room, helpline to assist needy

Party to seek relief for poor hit by strict curbs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH Covid-19 cases surging, especially in Bengaluru, the AICC has tasked the Karnataka Congress to come up with a comprehensive plan to help people during the pandemic. At a virtual meeting of senior leaders of the Karnataka Congress with AICC General Secretary in-charge Randeep Surjewala, state leaders were asked to organise, coordinate and mobilise all resources towards helping citizens during the pandemic, apart from building pressure on the government on vaccination, economic assistance and medical infrastructure fronts.

Surjewala, who chaired the meeting with senior Congress leaders, including KPCC President DK Shivakumar, Legislature Party chief Siddaramaiah, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and others, asked for a comprehensive plan to be implemented to help citizens in times of need. "A 24/7 helpline and war room should be set up to assist citizens with telemedicine, consultation, food delivery, source leads for hospital beds, medication, oxygen supply etc. We have to use our cadres at the district, taluk and village levels to reach out to those in need," Surjewala is said to have told Congress leaders.

The Congress also decided to urge the State government to announce an economic relief package for those affected by the 14-day 'corona curfew'. "The State government has shut down all businesses for 14 days, and labourers are already leaving Bengaluru. The government -- Centre and State -- have to provide an economic relief package or compensation to people whose livelihoods have been adversely impacted in the second wave," Siddaramaiah said, soon after the video conference with Surjewala.

The KPCC headquarters in Bengaluru already has a helpline set up by the doctors' wing of the party, and is reaching out to citizens with teleconsultation and online monitoring of those with mild and moderate symptoms. "The government has stalled our orders placed for medicines. It may take up to 15 days to incorporate all the suggestions given by Surjewala. Now is not the time to protest but help people who have been denied help from the government," Shivakumar said.

Ring Road will boost economic activity: Gadkari

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NITIN Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport & Highways, MSME, on Tuesday said the proposed Bengaluru Ring Road project will boost economic activities around Bengaluru.

Addressing members of the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC), the Union minister said, "The detailed project report for the Rs 17,000-crore project is being prepared, and the Karnataka government has assured us it will share 25 per cent of the land acquisition cost and also give GST exemption for steel, cement and other materials used in the project."

BCIC, in a statement, said that Gadkari spoke about development of Bengaluru's Outer Peripheral Ring Road by having industrial clusters, smart villages and a smart city around it.

Gadkari asked industries to come forward to collaborate with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to develop industrial clusters, which are important for development. "Even along green express highways, we can develop many industrial clusters," he said. Emphasising Bengaluru's contribution to the country's economic growth, the Union minister said Bengaluru is the knowledge capital of India and many companies, including IT companies, are doing excellent work and establishing their units across the world. "We have got talented manpower and all the potential to make miracles. People like you (industry representatives) from Bengaluru have to contribute for Atmanirbar Bharat," the minister said, and added that the government has taken up a number of projects, including 22 green expressway projects, to develop Indian infrastructure to international stardards.

The minister said work on the new express highway between Bengaluru and Chennai has already started, and the Bengaluru-Mysuru road project is going on. It is important for industrial and tourism development in Mysuru region. Work is on at full speed and will be complete by September 2022, he said.

Gadkari emphasised the huge potential for amphibious seaplanes and waterways in the country. He said the issues related to Shiradi Ghat tunnel project (Mangaluru-Bengaluru) need to be sorted out.

Kamal Bali, CEO & Managing Director, Volvo, sought support from the minister to have uniform policies on tax concessions across the states in India, while implementing the Motor Vehicles Scrappage Policy.

Cancel IPL, turn Chinnaswamy Stadium into CCC: MLC to govt

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TAKING exception to the Indian Premiere League being conducted at a time when the country is facing its worst Covid tragedy, Congress MLC Prakash K Rathod has sought cancellation of the cricket tournament.

In an open letter, the MLC has asked the State government to urge the Board for Cricket Control in India (BCCI) and the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) to cancel the games, and convert the Chinnaswamy stadium, located in the heart of the city, into a Covid Care Centre.

"It is surprising that KSCA has been adamant on hosting the IPL games in Bengaluru. Has KSCA forgotten that Bengaluru is number one in Covid cases in India? Can KSCA's Chinnaswamy stadium not be converted into a huge Covid centre instead?" he asked.

He also pointed out that seven members of India's women hockey team, who are currently lodged at the Sports Authority of India, have tested Covid positive. "The Karnataka government should ban all training and sporting activities till the surge of cases come under control," Rathod said.

The New Indian Express had earlier this week decided to suspend its coverage of IPL and dedicate it to highlight the pandemic. Since then, pandemic photos and stories have replaced IPL coverage in the paper's editions. "In such a tragic time, we find it incongruous that the festival of cricket is on in India with layers of bio-bubbles creating protection. The problem is not with the game, but its timing. Cricket, too, must accept that we are passing through an unprecedented crisis," the TNIE editor's note said.

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Potential of pvt medical colleges not tapped

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Pic for representation

WHEN 80-year-old Lakshmi was rushed to private hospitals in Banashankari and JP Nagar in search of an oxygen bed, after her oxygen saturation dipped to just 67, her relatives called up this newspaper, begging for help. But Lakshmi soon passed away.

After Maria Joseph (64) was rushed from hospital to hospital in search of an oxygen bed, a person called up this newspaper, seeking help in finding a bed. Joseph breathed his last late at night in an ambulance, after a 36-hour search -- across the city right up to Hosur on the Tamil Nadu border -- yielded no result.

These are but two of the hundreds in Bengaluru who have died due to lack of beds. This reporter called up BBMP officials and the health department, seeking a bed, only to be told that even if the Chief Minister recommends, there is no oxygen bed available.

Health experts say the peak is still a couple of weeks away, and if this is the situation now, what will happen when we hit the peak. Community medicine expert and consultant with United Nations Dr Edmund Fernandes told TNIE, "What are they waiting for, why cannot they set up makeshift ICUs and tele ICUs that can be monitored by experts remotely on open fields?"

In such a situation, it is private medical colleges that have not been roped in effectively. "They have commandeered 75 per cent of the facilities in private medical colleges, why can't they take over 100 per cent?" asks TR Raghunandan, former IAS officer.

He said the government has the power to commandeer these medical colleges which have beds, trained staff and PG students. "At a time like this, every bed counts," he said. But one medical practitioner said it is not so easy because these colleges are run mostly by powerful people and politicians.

"Does the government have a soft corner towards medical colleges owned by politicians? I would like to file a PIL to commandeer the staff and facilities of private medical colleges," said K V Dhananjay, Supreme Court advocate.

Land to JSW: HDK wants BJP to explain change in stand

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FORMER Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Tuesday urged ruling BJP leaders to explain the reasons for changing their stand on the sale of 3,667 acres of land in Ballari to JSW Steel Limited.

"When the JDS-Congress coalition government had taken the same decision, the BJP, then in the opposition, had staged protests in Vidhana Soudha and outside. They accused the coalition government of taking kickbacks, but now they have changed their stand and decided to sell the land," the former CM and JDS leader said.

The state cabinet on Monday decided to sell 3,667 acres of land to JSW Steel Limited. The government defended its decision, saying it was essential to encourage industries in the state, and the company had fulfilled terms of agreement at the end of the lease-cum-sale period.

Kumaraswamy accused the BJP leaders of opposing his government's decision for the sake of opposition. As per law, lease-cum-sale land has to be given to the company concerned, and the coalition government was following rules, but the BJP had turned it into a big issue and the process was stopped till doubts were cleared, he said. The JDS leader asked minister Anand Singh and senior Congress leader HK Patil to explain their stand as they had opposed this decision. "Patil, who was part of the coalition government, had opposed our government's decision and even released documents. Who is stopping him from releasing those documents now?" he questioned.

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In reference to the publication of Tender cum auction for sale under SARFAESI Act, 2002 published in the newspapers, The New Indian Express (English) on March 18, 2021 for the auction cum sale of secured asset/assets located at Site No.9, Katha No.361 in Sy. No.72, Old No.11, measuring East to West : 40 feet, North to South : 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq. feet situated at Konamadivala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, in the layout known as "SURYA ENCLAVE", which is approved by the Town Planning Authority, Anekal vide LAO-No.100/08/09 dated 19-6-2009 due to default in repayment of dues by Borrower **Mr. Abhishek Kumar having Home Loan A/c No. LBBNG00001930362.** It is hereby notified that said auction for sale which is scheduled on May 04, 2021 stands cancelled till further notice.

Date: April 28, 2021 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

CORRIGENDUM

ICICI Bank | **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank limited, #4/10, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Tower, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

In reference to the publication of Tender cum auction for sale under SARFAESI Act, 2002 published in the newspapers, The New Indian Express (English) on April 21, 2021 for the auction cum sale of secured asset/assets located at A Four Bedroom Apartment bearing No.4B on the 4 th floor in Block-1 of the Building known as "Crown Aura" being constructed in the Schedule "A" BBMP Khatha no.350/1B/BLK-25 situated at Jakkur village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring Super Built Up Area: 6830 Sq. Feet and UDS 2049 Sq. Ft. With 4 Covered Car Parking due to default in repayment of dues by Borrower **Mrs. Dimple Varma having Home Loan A/c Nos. LBBNG00003094658/ LBBNG00003094661.** It is hereby notified that said auction for sale which is scheduled on May 12, 2021 stands cancelled till further notice.

Date: April 28, 2021 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

CORRIGENDUM

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In reference to the publication of Tender cum auction for sale under SARFAESI Act, 2002 published in the newspapers, The New Indian Express (English) on April 21, 2021 for the auction cum sale of secured asset/assets located at Plot No -6 measuring 135.63 sq. mt. and Plot No 26 measuring 111.41 sq. mt., Taluk-Tumkur, Hobli- Kora; Gram Panchayat - Arakere; Village Hosahalli due to default in repayment of dues by Borrower **Mr. Saravanan Kumar M having Home Loan A/c No. LBMYS00004771229.** It is hereby notified that said auction for sale which is scheduled on May 12, 2021 stands cancelled till further notice.

Date: April 28, 2021 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

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ICICI Bank | **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank limited, #4/10, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Tower, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

In reference to the publication of Tender cum auction for sale under SARFAESI Act, 2002 published in the newspapers, The New Indian Express (English) on April 21, 2021 for the auction cum sale of secured asset/assets located at Flat No. E-303 in "Bhadra" in Third Floor of the apartment building Gnanabharathi enclave situated in E-Block of 1st stage of Valagerahalli Layout having super built up area of 34.46 Sq. Mtr. was constructed with cement and bricks, with doors and sanitary connections and with right to use common areas, entrances, staircases, lobbies, passages, corridors, etc. provided in the apartment building due to default in repayment of dues by Borrower **Mr. Mekala Prudhvi having Home Loan A/c No. LBBNG00004283812.** It is hereby notified that said auction for sale which is scheduled on May 12, 2021 stands cancelled till further notice

Date: April 28, 2021 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ವಿಜಯಪುರ

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ(2)ಸಿಆರ್/ಕೋವಿಡ್-19/01/2021-22 ದಿನಾಂಕ:27.04.2021

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಸರಕಾರಿ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ/ಆಕುಕ/282/ಹೆಚ್ಎಸ್ಹೆಚ್/2021 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.04.21 ರನ್ವಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಆಯುಕ್ತಾಲಯದ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.04.2021 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕೋವೀಡ್-19 ರ ಸಾಂಕ್ರಾಮಿಕ ರೋಗದ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ತಾಲೂಕು ಮತ್ತು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿಸಲಾದ ಐಸಿಯುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಅಮ್ಲಜನಿಕ ಬೆಂಬಲಿತ ಹಾಸಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಗತಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲವನ್ನು 06 ತಿಂಗಳ ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಕೆಳಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ರೋಸ್ಟರ್-ಕಂ-ಮೇರಿಟ್ ಅನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸಿ ಷರತ್ತುಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ವಿವರ	ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ	ಸಂಚಿತ ವೇತನ ಪ್ರತಿ ತಿಂಗಳಿಗೆ	ಸ್ಥಳ
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	ತಜ್ಞ ವೈದ್ಯರು	06	General Medicine (MD/Diploma) AND Anesthesia (MD/Diploma)	120000	ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ
2	ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು (ಎಂಬಿಬಿಎಸ್)	12+12=24	ಎಂ.ಬಿ.ಬಿ.ಎಸ್	60000	12-ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ 12-ತಾ. ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಿಗೆ
3	ಸ್ಟಾಫ್ ನರ್ಸ್	18+12=30	Diploma / B.Sc Nursing (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದಿಂದ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಪಡೆದ ನರ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು)	25000	18-ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ 12-ತಾ. ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಿಗೆ
4	ಬಯೋಮೆಡಿಕಲ್ ಇಂಜನೀಯರ್	01	ಬಯೋಮೆಡಿಕಲ್ ಇಂಜನೀಯರ್(ಬಿ.ಇ)	30000	ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ
5	ಮೆಂಟೆನೆನ್ಸ್ ಇಂಜನೀಯರ್	01	ಬಯೋಮೆಡಿಕಲ್ ಇಂಜನೀಯರ್(ಬಿ.ಇ) ಅಥವಾ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ	30000	ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ
6	ಐಸಿಯು ಟೆಕ್ನಿಶಿಯನ್	01	ಬಯೋಮೆಡಿಕಲ್ ಇಂಜನೀಯರ್(ಡಿಪ್ಲೋಮಾ) ಅಥವಾ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ	25000	ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ
7	ಗ್ರೂಪ್ 'ಡಿ'	6+12=18	ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ. (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದಿಂದ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಪಡೆದ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು)	15000	06-ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ 12-ತಾ. ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಿಗೆ

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು : 1) ಈ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 06 ತಿಂಗಳ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಮುಂದಿನ ಆದೇಶದವರೆಗೆ ರೋಸ್ಟರ್-ಕಂ-ಮೇರಿಟ್ ಅನುಸರಿಸಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣಕ್ಕೂ ಸೇವೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

2) ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೊದಲ ಆದ್ಯತೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ. ಅಂಕಪಟ್ಟಿ, ಜಾತಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ, ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಗಳಿಂದ ಪಡೆದ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳು, ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಲಂ 4ರಲ್ಲಿ ತೋರಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಇತರೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಮೂಲ ಹಾಗೂ ಒಂದು ಪ್ರತಿ ಝರಾಕ್ಸ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:30.04.2021 ರಂದು ಸಾ: 05:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕು.ಕ.ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಶಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ವಿಜಯಪುರ

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		31.03.2021	31.03.2020	31.03.2021	31.03.2021	31.03.2020	31.03.2021
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total income	5,328.87	3,506.53	16,783.51	6,140.54	4,128.67	19,468.04
2	Net Profit (before Tax, Exceptional items)	386.92	122.16	826.24	419.92	155.16	830.99
3	Net Profit before tax (after Exceptional items)	386.92	89.83	826.24	413.72	114.83	821.63
4	Net Profit after tax (after Exceptional items)	289.24	73.87	612.04	319.19	81.84	607.50
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	312.30	1.84	719.13	356.37	0.20	723.24
6	Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Other Equity	-	-	4,123.44	-	-	3,779.10
8	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised)						
	(i) Basic (in Rs.)	6.09	1.55	12.88	6.53	1.56	12.51
	(ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	6.09	1.55	12.88	6.53	1.56	12.51

Notes:

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the above financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).
2. The board at its meeting held on 24th March 2021, declared a Second interim dividend of Rs. 1.40/- per share (140%) absorbing a sum of Rs. 66.51 Cr for the year 2020-21 and the same was paid on 9th April 2021 to those shareholders who hold shares in physical or in electronic form and whose names appear in the Register of Members and / or Depositories respectively, as at the close of working hours on 2nd April 2021 (Record Date). The Directors do not recommend any further Dividend for the year 2020-21.

Date : 27th April 2021

For TVS Motor Company Limited
Sd/-
Chairman

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

COVID-19

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TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

31,830 CASES REPORTED TODAY

29,744 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TALLY STANDS AT

TODAY	14,00,775
YESTERDAY	13,68,945

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
180	201

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
10,793	10,663

ACTIVE CASES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
3,01,899	2,81,042

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	5.58
YESTERDAY	5.50

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.05
YESTERDAY	1.06

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	77.38
YESTERDAY	78.40

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until April 27, 2021, a total of 14,00,775 cases have been reported in 1 year and 49 days...

90,43,861 Number of people vaccinated across the state

VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS

Health care workers 1st dose	6,71,359
Health care workers 2nd dose	4,20,951
Frontline workers 1st dose	3,54,582
Frontline workers 2nd dose	1,37,474
Age 45-60 1st dose	33,01,847
Age 45-60 2nd dose	1,94,204
Above 60 1st dose	33,95,181
Above 60 2nd dose	5,68,263

4-km pipeline being laid for oxygenated beds; State govt to staff the facility with doctors, nurses, technicians

Steelmaker to build mega 1K-bed hospital in Ballari

A file photograph of beds being set up at a Covid Care Centre at the Koramangala Indoor Stadium in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

LENDING its might in the fight against the highly infectious second wave of the Novel Coronavirus, steel major JSW Steel has come forward to build a makeshift 1,000-bed facility with oxygen at Toranagallu, about 30 km from Ballari. "The hospital has been envisaged to help Covid-19 patients from North Karnataka get oxygen and timely treatment," said sources.

The demand for oxygen, which had not surpassed 1,500 metric tons per day at a national level during the first wave, has in no time increased to around 6,000 metric tons, leading to a panic situation in the country. Karnataka, with a high case load, has been no exception to this unprecedented demand for oxygen.

Sources said that the work on the first-of-its-kind hospital in the state has already started at break-neck speed and is scheduled to be completed in a phased manner shortly. A 4-km oxygen pipeline is being laid to supply oxygen to the hospital beds. "While JSW is setting up the infrastructure, the Karnataka Government will provide human resources such as doctors, nurses, technicians and staff to operate the hospital," said sources.

The idea behind setting up the hospital near Ballari is largely because of the easy availability of oxygen. There are four oxygen plants - Linde/Praxair, Bellary Oxygen Company (BOC), Air Water Separation Ltd and Industrial Gases Ltd - on the sprawling 8,000-acre JSW campus, which are now supplying more than 600 MT of liquid medical oxygen on a daily basis. Of this, about 60 per cent is being supplied to Karnataka, said sources. Transportation of oxygen is difficult and time-consuming because it is highly inflammable. Therefore, a hospital near the oxygen plants will help patients who need immediate oxygen, the sources added.

Meanwhile, oxygen supply in Karnataka seems to have improved since last week. "The Centre, on the request of the State Government, has increased the allocation of medical oxygen from 300 MT to 802 MT per day and has assured further allocation should there be a further spike in demand. Out of the 802 MT, 50 tons has been allocated from Kalinganagar in Odisha and 30 tons from Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh," said the sources. The Chief Secretary had requested the Centre for an allocation of 1,400MT of medical oxygen by the first week of May keeping in mind the sudden surge in Covid-19 cases and an unprecedented demand for oxygen.

The State Government has also roped in 20 more tankers for oxygen supply besides the 94 tankers that are now supplying only medical grade oxygen. With the situation in Maharashtra improving due to a steady decrease in cases, the Centre may allocate some more oxygen to neighbouring states including Karnataka, the source added.

GAIL INDIA TO SET UP O_2 PLANTS

Mangaluru: GAIL India Limited will set up Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) medical oxygen generation plants in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar to boost the supply of oxygen for Covid-19 patients. This is among the 551 PSAs to be set up across the country, as announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Centre has instructed GAIL India Limited to establish 10 PSAs which include four in Uttar Pradesh, three in Madhya Pradesh, two in Karnataka and one in Rajasthan. P Murugeshan, Executive Director, GAIL India Limited, Southern Region, Bengaluru, said they received the instruction on Monday, and work will start quickly as the requirement of oxygen has surged with the rise in Covid cases. He said the new facility will probably come up in government hospitals in these places, and they are in the process of working out the specification of the plants, their capacity and other aspects. ENS

EXPRESS READ

CREDAI seeks travel permission for construction supervisors

Bengaluru: The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI) —Bengaluru, has appealed to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to give travel permission to supervisors of construction sites. Kishor Jain, president, CREDAI-Bengaluru, told The New Indian Express that the appeal was made so that construction labourers were not affected like last year. He said that even as in- situ construction is permitted, there is a need to ensure that there is proper supervision at sites to ensure that labourers are taken care off and not affected because of the lockdown. ENS

Stay safe... Wear mask at home too: Experts

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

NOW a mask is compulsory, not just outdoors but indoors too. The Union Health Department has issued the direction, which has been supported by doctors and medical experts saying it is required to contain the rising number of Covid cases.

"There are many instances of a family member testing positive and infecting all the others and some have turned critical too. To ensure that no such cases are reported, everyone in a family should wear masks," said a government doctor.

Dr Shobha Prakash, Secretary, Private Hospitals And Nurses Association (PHANA), said that a debate is still on whether the virus spreads through water droplets and is airborne. As a precautionary measure, everyone has been advised to wear masks even at home. "Even if there are just two to three people in a family, they should wear masks. No one has to come and check whether the mask rule is being followed. It should be self-imposed. The cases are high as there was no self-discipline," she said.

Dr Giridhar Babu from IIMPH said the Central Government had made it clear that

if someone is positive and is under home quarantine, other members of the family too should wear masks. Family members who go out to work, travel or make regular purchases should wear masks regularly. This would prevent them from spreading the virus to other family members, he added.

Another expert said that as there is no restriction on the movement of maids and others in apartment complexes or gated communities, everyone should wear a mask at home. The expert said, "Family members, including children, who interact and play with others, could be asymptomatic carriers of the virus, putting elders in the family at risk. There have been many such instances. There is no harm in following Covid-appropriate behaviour at home."

DÉJÀ VU

Migrant workers leave the city for their hometowns from the KSRTC Bus Terminal in Majestic. With the 14-day Corona curfew coming into effect from Tuesday evening, migrant labourers have been making a beeline to bus and train stations | EXPRESS

Hosps want to know O_2 supply status

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA)- Karnataka, has written to Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar seeking details regarding the supply chain of oxygen and expressing worry over its shortage.

In the letter, they have highlighted the difficulties that hospitals are facing in procuring the required quantities of oxygen. The supply issue is causing hurdles even to those who are following all central government guidelines, they pointed out and questioned what the government would do if the supplier does not provide the required quantity in time to hospitals, leading to casualties. The government should clarify its position on this and responsibilities should be fixed on each of the stakeholders, they demanded.

An expert working closely with the government, suggested, "Bengaluru and Karnataka are at the peak of technological advances. This is the best time to make use of technology to the optimum. They can create and use tele-medicine facility in all hospitals, especially government facilities, where there apparently is no shortage of oxygen, but lack well-trained medical staff."

The expert suggested that with the help of tele-consultation and tele-calling services, even a supervisor, attendant or nurse can connect an oxygen tube to a bed and administer it to a patient. Tele-medication can also be done so that the patient gets timely medical care.

PHANA to launch website on Covid bed availability at private hospitals

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

SOON, one need not make frantic calls on the availability of beds or run from one private hospital to another looking for beds, as the Private Hospital and Nursing Association (PHANA) is coming up with a web portal giving real time updates on the availability of beds for private quota patients.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), during the first wave of the pandemic, had launched a website giving details on the number of beds allocated and reserved at general wards, HDUs, ICUs and ICU ventilators at dedicated Covid Healthcare Centres at both private and government hospitals and medical colleges. But as it does not provide information on the availability of private quota beds, PHANA is starting its own dedicated web portal.

PHANA president Dr HM Prasanna said, "The situation is alarming now with people not getting beds. Many call up hospitals trying to find beds, while others walk into hospitals, and wait till they get a bed. We thought that there is a need to provide real time information to the public on the availability of beds as they can reach such hospitals immediately. This will avoid unnecessary waste of time for patients, which has led to late admission and, in some cases, death."

The portal is being developed by Knowledge Lens under their CSR funds. So far, 35-40 of the city's over 300 private hospitals have registered on the portal. "Over 7,000 Covid patients are being treated at private hospitals. The portal will increase transparency on the number of beds allocated, available and reserved for patients of both private and government quota patients at private hospitals. Not only hospitals under PHANA, we want other private hospitals too to enroll. Twenty volunteers will maintain the website and are talking to hospitals to enroll," said Dr Rajashekar YL, secretary, PHANA.

Victoria Hospital | EXPRESS

Asked when the portal will be launched, he said, "We are in the final stages of testing and we will launch it once all the glitches are ironed out. Hospitals will be trained on how to update data as and when new admissions happen and patients get discharged."

OBJECTIVE PRICING NEED OF THE HOUR: EXPERTS

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DR Anoop Amarnath, Head, Scientific Board and Chairman-Geriatric Medicine, at Manipal Hospital, who is also a member of Critical Care Support Team, said, "Late presentation and late referrals to the tertiary centres are the main reasons for the high number of deaths. The characteristics of a pandemic are that with a surge in cases, the positivity rate increases and thereby mortality as well."

He pointed out that the need of the hour is to carry out very objective triaging. "Hospitals need to see who can be managed at home and who needs hospitalisation. If this is done right, then we can save many patients.

A scientific way of triaging needs to be carried out where RT-PCR test is done followed by checking the clinical characteristics of patients for symptoms, saturation levels and biochemical makers.

If it is high, then admission is needed at the earliest. This apart, HRCT needs to be done to check the CT score. If all this is prioritised, we can have better outcomes, he suggested."

Though Karnataka's Case Fatality Rate has not been on the higher side, in comparison to the other states, the experts foresee it going up in the next few months if proper initiatives are not taken immediately. Currently, Karnataka's CFR is 1.1 per cent. Punjab has the highest CFR at 2.5 per cent , followed by Maharashtra (1.5 per cent), Delhi and West Bengal (1.4 per cent), Gujarat (1.3 per cent) and Tamil Nadu (1.2 per cent).

Dr Pradeep Rangappa, Intensivist, Columbia Asia Hospital, Bengaluru, and member of the State-Level Committee for Covid-19, said, "If the situation remains the same, the CFR is bound to climb up. We need to segregate the CFR of the first and second waves to get the figures of the current scenario, wherein the fatality rate is quite bad."

Publish info on Remdesivir, O_2: HC

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PRIOR to this, Dr H M Prasanna, president of the Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA), informed the court that they are able to procure only about 25 per cent of their Remdesivir requirement and 50 per cent of oxygen. They are paying 3-4 times more than the actual cost, he added. The court also directed the State Government and the BBMP to publish information about the availability of Remdesivir and oxygen in public domain, as directed earlier. As the Corona Curfew starts from Tuesday night, people cannot run one place to another for the drug. This is one area where immediate steps are required to be taken, the court noted.

Pointing out that there has been only a marginal increase in the number of beds in different categories in Bengaluru from April 23, after directions were issued, the court said the situation is very alarming as the available beds may not be enough to meet the demand. Therefore, the state and BBMP should make immediate efforts to increase the number of beds, the court said.

MYSURU WILL BE IN TROUBLE IN 2-3 DAYS IF OXYGEN SUPPLY IS AFFECTED, SAYS DC

Mysuru: Mysuru will be in trouble if there is no proper oxygen supply in the next two to three days, warned Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, adding that permission has been received for a new oxygen plant, but it would take at least 25 days to set up. Till then, alternative oxygen supply is needed, she said, and added that the government has sanctioned 50 ventilators which will reach by the weekend. She clarified that none of the private hospitals in the city have ventilators, while the government-run KR Hospital has a few. On Mysuru registering over 1,500 cases, she said that it includes a backlog of cases and that the average is around 700 cases per day. ENS

LESSON FOR ALL

This Dalit colony shows the way in managing Covid situation

Headmen of Sathyagala village reviewing Covid norms | EXPRESS

SHIVAKUMAR K @Mysuru

THIS small Dalit colony is showing the way for cities and towns on how to manage the present Covid situation.

Dalit headmen of Sathyagala in Chamarajanagar district have ordered fellow villagers not to shy away from taking the Covid vaccinations or to get the RTPCR test done to face the threat posed by the second wave. The Dalit families here have decided not to entertain anyone coming from Bengaluru or Mysuru to prevent the spread of the virus.

They have set an example by making a group of youngsters working at a local choultry to undergo the RTPCR test. They have also passed a dictat, saying no one should step out of the village unless faced by an extraordinary circumstance or a medical emergency. The villagers have banned pigmy collectors or agents of any companies from entering the village till Covid subsides. They have warned of strict action, including imposing fines, on those failing to wear a mask, maintaining social distance or following directions of the panchayat.

Basavanna, a villager, said that many want to take the vaccine, but there is no dedicated doctor at the local Primary Health Centre here. "Where do we go if we get a fever or any other side-effect after taking the vaccination," he asked.

Two bike-borne men snatched an elderly woman's gold chain in Basavanagudi on Monday. The incident took place in the evening when Shanthamma, a resident of Gandhi Bazaar, had gone to a shop. The two suspects came on a bike and snatched her gold chain worth Rs 32,000. The suspects are still at large

Cops banish habitual offender

History sheeter cannot enter Bengaluru City limits for 1 year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FOR the first time in the history of the Bengaluru City Police, a 30-year-old habitual offender has been externed from the city for a period of one year.

Karthik alias Rahul, a resident of Gautampura in Halasuru, has been banished for a year. A history-sheeter at Halasuru police station, he had 11 cases against him.

Police said that Karthik was involved in crimes such as rape, robbery, attempt to murder, extortion, criminal intimidation, attack on government employees, and other offences, throughout the period of the last 10-11 years. He had no fear of the law and continued committing crimes that were detrimental to society. Hence, the Police Inspector of Halasuru station had submitted a report proposing that he be banished from Bengaluru City.

DCP (East) Sharanappa SD, who is also a Special Executive Magistrate, ordered for the externment of Karthik from the jurisdiction of Bengaluru City Police Commissionerate for a period of one year, from April 26, 2021, to April 26, 2022. He has been sent to Bengaluru Rural district, and will not be allowed to enter Bengaluru City during this period, the police added.

TECHIE STABS HUSBAND, FLEES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN an alleged drunken brawl, a woman techie stabbed her 41-year-old husband and is now absconding. The incident occurred at their house in Kadugodi on Saturday.

The man was reportedly suspecting his wife's fidelity, which led her to attack him with a kitchen knife. Initially, the injured man refused to approach police, but since it was a medico-legal case, his statement was recorded for investigation. The couple have a child. They both work as software engineers in private firms.

Based on the man's complaint, the police are searching for his wife. He was discharged from hospital on Tuesday. He admitted that both, he and his wife were drunk at the time of the incident.

Baig, others charged in IMA scam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday filed a supplementary chargesheet before the designated court for CBI cases in Bengaluru againstformer Congress minister R Roshan Baig, his firm Danish Publications, IMA Managing Director Mohammed Mansoor Khan, and other directors of the fraudulent company in the multi-crore I Monetary Advisory (IMA) scam.

According to the CBI, Baig had allegedly "received several crores of rupees from the IMA funds for election expenditure. He was also utilising the said funds for the day-to-day expenditure, including salaries of employees of his firm Danish Publications. He spent the funds for various social and cultural activities in his constituency to increase his popularity", said the CBI spokesperson.

Mohammed Mansoor Khan (left) and R Roshan Baig

The IMA had raised illegal funds of around Rs 4,000 crore through unauthorised deposits from around one lakh gullible investors. "That money was diverted to Baig, so that IMA could continue its illegal activities," alleged the CBI.

The Central anti-corruption agency had registered four cases in the IMA scam, and has filed three chargesheets, three supplementary chargesheets against 33 accused, including Mansoor Khan, its directors, several private persons, some revenue and police officials.

"The IMA had raised unauthorised deposits and had cheated the public by failing to repay the principal, as well as the promised returns. These funds were allegedly diverted for acquiring properties, paying bribe to some government officials. Several IMA properties have been identified and attached under the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments (KPIDFE) Act, 2004, by the competent authority," added the CBI.

IN THE HC

Bring scheme to vax the disabled, HC tells state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Tuesday directed the State Government to evolve a scheme or mechanism to get persons with benchmark disabilities and their caregivers vaccinated on priority, in view of the pandemic situation.

The court also directed the government to authorise the District Welfare Officer or any other official to receive requests through SMS, WhatsApp and email, either from disabled persons or respective caregivers.

Needless to add that the government make necessary arrangements for vaccination at the doorsteps of persons with disabilities, if they are unable to walk, the court mentioned that priority should be given in treatment as contemplated under Section 25 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj issued these directions after hearing a PIL filed by Karnataka Rajya Vikalachetanara Rakshana Samithi seeking directions for giving priority to persons with disabilities above the age of 18, irrespective of the nature of their disability, and their caregivers on a priority basis in the vaccination drive commencing from May 1.

The court ordered that the State Government should make effective arrangements for persons with disabilities and their caregivers by ensuring that they are not made to wait in queue for the vaccine, while the necessary communication should be issued to the concerned district authorities to follow these directions, keeping in mind the current situation.

The petitioner stated that the Centre is launching the Liberalised and Accelerated Phase 3 Strategy of Covid-19 Vaccination from May 1, 2021. However, no specific mention is made of special preference to persons with disabilities, though laws relating to them empowers the government to protect their rights, the petitioner pleaded.

Court: KSRTC union can prepare common appeal of employees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Tuesday permitted the KSRTC Employees League to prepare a common appeal of employees, who have been suspended for indulging in strike, in respect of each division and submit the same along with name, designation, date of suspension, etc, seeking to revoke their suspension to the concerned officer of the Road Transport Corporation (RTC).

As soon as appeals are received, respective RTCs should forward them to the concerned appellate authorities, which should endeavour to dispose within two weeks from the date of receiving the appeals, the court ordered.

In respect of dismissed employees, the court said it will be open for individual staffers who have been dismissed to prefer an appeal to the concerned officer, who has to expedite the issues within two months. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order during the special sitting held to hear a batch of PILs against the strike launched by the employees.

Permitting to continue the negotiations between RTC managements and unions, the court said, "Today, we are dealing with an extraordinary situation. During this time, the RTCs should be functional and we are not going into legal issues. Without prejudice to the demands of employees, the negotiation should be continue."

Before this, Advocate General Prabhuling K Navadagi submitted that the allegations against dismissed employees are serious and they have to prefer appeal before the appellate authorities of 40 different divisions. As far as suspended employees are concerned, their appeals will be considered sympathetically once they file them, he said.

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(BACKLOG RECRUITMENT FOR FACULTY POSITIONS)

The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad invites applications for backlog vacancies from the eligible candidates in OBC, SC and ST categories for appointment to various faculty positions (**Professor:** SC-02, ST-1 and OBC-02; **Associate Professor:** SC-02, ST-04 and OBC-02; and **Assistant Professor:** OBC-01) in different departments at the University Campus, Hyderabad and its Regional Campuses at Shillong and Lucknow. The application can be downloaded from the University website **www.efluniversity.ac.in.**

The details of the Notification, eligibility criteria and guidelines for filling the Application form are placed on the University website for information.

The last date for receiving applications is 18.05.2021. Sd/-
Date: 26.04.2021 **REGISTRAR I/c**

Beja Model College of Arts and Science (Aided)
Nettanige, P.O. Mulleria (via), Kasaragod, 6238965773, 9746973245

Applications are invited for appointment of the Post of Asst. Professors for the subjects
English - 3, Commerce - 3, Economics - 3

Age and Qualifications are as per UGC and K.P.S.C. norms.
Applications can be downloaded from the website - www.amtecindia.org
Cost of application form for SC/ST is Rs. 500/- and for others Rs. 1000/-
Duly filled application form with all the copies of relevant documents and certificates including the counter-foil (UPI transaction details / online transaction details) of bank remittance of the cost of the application form should be sent to muginis@gmail.com and amtec387@gmail.com on or before 5 PM of 28-05-2021.
Late and incomplete applications will be rejected without any notice.

Bank details: Syndicate Bank, Mulleria Branch,
Acc: no: 24262010006580 IFSC code: SYNB0004214

For more details visit www.amtecindia.org
8281734105, 9400748895, 9446428163

Manager, Beja Model College of Arts and Science (Aided),
President, Ambedkar Memorial Trust for Education and Culture (Educational Agency)

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Chennai 600036

Advt. No.: IITM/R/2/2021 Dated: 28.04.2021

Indian Institute of Technology Madras invites applications for the following teaching position in various Departments:

- Professor (Pay as per 7th CPC)

Reservation for SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwD will be as per Government of India norms.

For details, instructions and to submit Application online visit: **https://facapp.iitm.ac.in**

Last date for submission of online application: 18.05.2021

Registrar

Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Chennai 600036

Advt. No.: IITM/R/1/2021 Dated: 28.04.2021

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Reservation for SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwD will be as per Government of India norms.

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Last date for submission of online application: 18.05.2021

Registrar

WANTED

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MALA - 680732, PH: 0480 2890247
(Aided College affiliated to University of Calicut)

Applications are invited to the following existing vacancies.
(Subject to the approval by the Government, UGC & University of Calicut)

Botany - 3 (Open Merit - 1, Community Merit -2)
Physics - 2 (Open Merit - 1, Community Merit -1)

Age and qualifications as per the norms and regulations of UGC, Government of Kerala and University of Calicut. Apply within one month from the date of this notification. Applicattion form can be had from the College Office or College website on payment of Rs.1000/-. Applicants should be fully qualified at the time of submission of application. (Women candidates are preferred).

Place : Mala (Sd/-) **Manager**
Dated : 28/04/2021 **Carmel College, Mala**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER - CPRIBLR21NIT04 Date : 28-04-2021

Online e-tenders are invited from eligible manufacturers / suppliers for the following in conformation to National / International standards wherever applicable: -

(1) Providing the services of manpower (02 Skilled and 01 Unskilled) at CPRI RTL – Guwahati for assisting in day to day work of the laboratory **(2)** Digital Data Logger with 60 Channels

Tender documents with detailed specifications, terms & conditions, instructions, and other details be kindly availed/downloaded from CPRI website : http://www.cpri.in and CPRI e-procurement portal: www.tenderwizard.com/CPRI from 28-04-2021 onwards.

CPRI/ADVT/08 /2021 **Purchase Authority-CPRI**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Office Of The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Chitradurga

No. EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1:Tender-106:2020-21/137 Dt:23.04.2021

E-TENDER EXTENSION NOTIFICATION

It is notified to the Registered Contractors in KPWD that the tender for the following works vide Notification No. EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1,Tender-106:2020-21, Dated: 19.02.2021 and 23.03.2021 is extended mentioned below.

work Tender dates are as mentioned below:- Last Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 11.05.2021 Time: 17.30 Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 12.05.2021 Time: 16.00 Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 13.05.2021 Time: 16.01 Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 17.05.2021 Time: 11.00 Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/88/2021-22 Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Chitradurga.

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VIJAYANAGAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, BALLARI

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e-mail-ids : directorvimsbellary@gmail.com, www.vimsbellary.org.inprincipalvimsbellary@gmail.com

No. VIMS/SUP/TEND/47/2021-22, Date : 26.04.2021

Short Term E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible Bidders for supply of Drugs, Surgical Disposasables & other items for covid-19 purpose to VIMS, Ballari. as per the KTPP Act-1999 & Rules-2000 under Two Cover Bid System through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka. Further information may be obtained during office hours & also from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

01	Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website-http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in	**26/04/2021**
02	Last Date & Time for Queries in e-portal	**28.04.21 up to 5.00 PM**
03	Pre-Bid Meeting is held on	**29.04.2021 @ 11.30 AM in the chambers of Diector, VIMS, Ballari**
04	Last date for Submission of Sample on	**On or before 4.05.2021. up to 4.00 PM to the Medical Suprintendent, Medical College Hospital ,VIMS, Ballari. Without sample item will not be considered**
05	Last Date & Time for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before	**4.05.2021 up to 5.00 PM**
06	Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid	**5.05.2021 @ 5.15 PM**
07	Approximate cost of the Tender	**197.81 Lakhs**

DIPR/BELLARI/SHIRDI SAI/59/2020-21 **Sd/- Director, VIMS, Ballari**

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer-1, (Lakes), 3rd Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Benglauru-560 002.

No.EE-1/(Lakes)/TEND/05/2021-22 Date: 27-04-2021

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Short Term-Tender Notification)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer-1 (Lakes) BBMP, invites proposals (Technical & Financial) for appointing consultants for Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including construction Supervision and Quality Control for the works detailed in the table below.

Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit Declaration form as specified in the Tender Document as per G.O. No: FD 675 Expenditure-12/2020 Dated: 22-12-2020.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Cost of the Project (Rs.in Lakhs)
1.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including construction Supervision and Quality Control for the work of Emergency work at Haraluru Lake.	100.00
2.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including construction Supervision and Quality Control for the work of Emergency work at KasavanahalliLake.	50.00
3.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including construction Supervision and Quality Control for the work of Emergency work at Kaikondrahalli Lake.	100.00
4.	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including construction Supervision and Quality Control for the work of Emergency work at Sarakki Lake.	100.00

Calendar of Events: (1) RFP Document may be downloaded from the Government of Karntaka e-Procurement from: **28-04-2021. (2)** Bid must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on **11-05-2021 before 4:00 p.m. (3)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **04-05-2021 at 4:30 p.m. (4)** Technical bids will be opened on **13-05-2021 at 4:30 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer-1, Lakes, BBMP.

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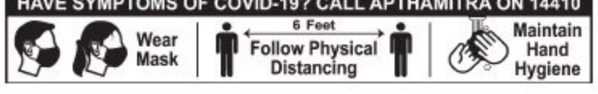

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Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
Mysuru - 571130

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BRIEF TENDER NOTICE Date : 23.04.2021

Chief Engineer, BARC, Mysuru, invites on behalf of President of India sealed item rate tenders from experienced Contractor with sound financial & technical capacity for following work(s):

Tender No.	**BARC/MYS/PO&M/KMM/Enamel painting for piping /2021/ 03**
Name of work	Enamel painting for Utility piping and pipe supports at BARC, Mysore
Estimated Cost	**Rs 3,83,000/-** (Rupees Three Lakh eighty three thousand Only)
Period of Completion	**6 (Six) Months**
Earnest Money Deposit	Nil, (Submit Bid Security declaration)
Cost of Tender Document	**Rs.500/- (Non-refundable)**
Sale of Tender Documents	From **28-04-2021** to **12-05-2021.** at **11:00 Hrs** to **15:00 Hrs.**

Interested bidders may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details,which can be downloaded from web site **www.barc.gov.in**

Chief Engineer
For & on behalf of President of India

MOTHER DAIRY

(A Unit of: Karnataka Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd)
G.K.V.K. POST, YELAHANKA, BANGALORE-560065
e-mail: purchase@motherdairykmf.in
Tele. No. 080-22179006, Fax: 080-28462652

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Mother Dairy, a unit of KMF Bangalore is inviting E-Tenders for Supply of following items to Mother Dairy,B.lore & NICP., Bellary.

A. IFT.NO.MD/PUR/ E-Proc T-186/2021-22 Date:20-04-2021

I.Supply on ARC Basis:1) Shrink Film-12000 Kgs **2)** 10Kg Dairy Whitener Jars – 112000 Nos **3)** 10 Kg Dairy Whitener Jar Liners – 112000 Nos

II.Supply on Rate contract Basis:1) Nandini 30 ml cup eflute box -1.08 Lakh Nos **2)** Nandini 65 ml Cup eflute box-1.75 Lakh Nos **3)** Nandini 50 ml cone eflute box- 2 Lakh Nos **4)** Nandini 120 ml cone eflute box-1 Lakh Nos **5)** Nandini Mango sundae e flute box-1 Lakh Nos **6)** Nandini Junior chocobar/kulfi eflute box-0.50 Lakh Nos **7)** Nandini Dolly/Chocobar eflute box-1 Lakh Nos **8)** Amul 65 ml cup eflute box -0.60 Lakh Nos

The manufacturers, dealers or interested eligible tenderers are requested to participate on-line only. For further details, Tender documents can be downloaded from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 23-04-2021** and submitted on or before **07-05-2021** upto **17.00 hrs.**

Sd/- Director, Mother Dairy

Government of Karnataka

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Office of the Commissioner for Transport in Karnataka,
1st Floor, T.T.M.C. Building, B.M.T.C. Complex, Bangalore

No.CT/F&B-3/PR-141/2016-17 Dated: 26-04-2021

Tender Notification

Quotations are invited by Transport Department from the eligible firms for operation and maintenance of Automated Driving Testing Track at Jnanabharathi. Quotations along with necessary documents shall be submitted On-line through e-Procurement platform only. For more details please log on to e-procurement website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** They may take assistance from e-procurement help desk at **080-25501216 / 25501227,**

Last date for submission of Bids is: **15-05-2021** up to **4.00 p.m.**

For clarifications please Contact **080-22235176**

Sd/-
For Commissioner Transport, Bangalore.

DIPR/DDU/SHIRDI SAI/296/2021-22

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Government of Karnataka
(KARNATAKA RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION, KALABURGI-585105

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2021-22/127 Dated : 23-04-2021

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honourable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurement system only 1) Name of work : Chincholi (Indent No-33375), 2) Head of A/C : Jal Jeevan Mission 2020-21, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-III & above, 4) Tender Amount : Min 99,44,500/-, Max 99,44,500/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document : 26-04-2021 11:00am, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal : 06-05-2021 4.00pm, 8) Opening of Techincal Bid : 07-05-2021 4.01pm, 9) Opening of Financial Bid : 10-05-2021 11:00am, 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi.

DIP/Kalaburagi/104/MC&A/2021-22 **Sd/- Executive Engineer RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi**

Government of Karnataka
(KARNATAKA RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION, KALABURGI-585105

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2021-22/133 Dated: 26-04-2021

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The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honourable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurement system only 1) Name of work : Kalaburagi Taluka-07 package (Indent No 33843, 333844, 33845, 33846, 33847, 33848, 33849), 2) Head of A/C : Jal Jeevan Mission 2020-21, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-III& II & above, 4) Tender Amount : Min 1,55,00,000/-, Max 2,37,44,000/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document : 28-04-2021 11:00am, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: 12-05-2021 4.00pm, 8) Pre-bid meeting date : 05-05-2021 at 11.00 am, 9) Opening of Techincal Bid : 13-05-2021 4.01pm, 10) Opening of Financial Bid : 15-05-2021 11:00am, 11) Address for any clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/107/MC&A/2021-22 **Sd/- Executive Engineer RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi**

Government of Karnataka

JOINT COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCIAL TAXES (admn), DGSTO, MYSURU.

No.JCCT(Admn):DGSTO:FDA.1/E-tender/CALL-2/21-22 Date : 23.04.2021

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-2

Short Term E-Tender notification for procuring 30 No's. of 'D' groups to The Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (ADMN), DGSTO, Mysuru and its subordinate offices. Hereby the department allows the eligible institutions to take the necessary informations required through the department official website : **http://ctax.kar.nic.in** and Government website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Last date for submission of tender application : **30.04.2021**

Sd/-
Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Admn) DGSTO, Mysuru.

DIPR/MYSURU/SHIRDI SAI/86/2021-22

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

No.:SEE/BCW/AEE(C)/2021-22/449-56 Date:26.04.2021

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal)

BESCOM, Bangalore West Circle invites tender vide Enquiry No. **SEE/BCW/AEE(CIVIL)/2021-22/Enq.No-01, Dated: 26.04.2021** for Providing Housekeeping services to office of the Superintending Engineer (Ele), (C,O & M), Bangalore West Circle, CA Site No. 5, 3rd Stage, Bheemajyothinagar, HBCS Layout, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560 079 for a period of one year through e-procurement portal in **Two Cover System.** Estimated amount put to tender : **4.72 lakhs.** Last date & time for tender queries / clarifications : **10.05.2021 upto 17.00 hrs.** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **12.05.2021 upto 16.00 hrs.** Date & time of opening of Technical bid : **15.05.2021 at 16.30 hrs.** Date & time of opening of price bid : will be intimated later. The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained from e-procurement by visiting website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.n on or after 28.04.2021.** For any clarifications, contact e-procurement helpdesk +91 - 80-46010000 / +91-80-68948777 or email : support@eprochelpdesk.com

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer (Ele), (C,O & M), Bangalore West Circle, BESCOM

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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited,
Upper Tunga Project Division, Shimoga
Ph : 08182-254832 Fax : 08182-254832
E-mail : eeutpsmg@gmail.com

SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement only)

1.EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-2/2021-22 T.N. NO-04 Dt: 23.04.2021

On Behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Under signed invites tender Through e-portal system from Eligible contractors for one (1) work.

1) Apprx. Amount put to tender as per estimation is 143.00 lakhs. 2) Last date for questions/clarifications regarding the tender: 28.04.2021 up to 17.30hrs. 3) Date for Submission of filled tenders from 23.04.2021 to 03.05.2021 up to 17.30 hrs (During office Hours)

Further details on date of opening the Tender/ Detail of work E.M.D. Amount/Terms and Conditions of the tender/Class of Contractor, Etc, can be obtained in the Tender Notification or from the office of the Under signed during office hours or in website **Https:\\eproc.Karanataka.Gov.in** for further details the office of the Undersigned can be contacted during office hours on phone no.08182 254832 from 23.04.2021 Information can be obtained through **http:\www.eproc.Karanataka.gov.in**

DIPR/SMG/No.145-04 zenkar/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL,U.T.P., Division, Shivamogga**

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street , Bengaluru - 560 001.
Ph: 080-25586520/25589112, Fax: 080-25586321,
e-Mail: ho@kspcb.gov.in Website: http://kspcb.gov.in

NO.KSPCB/166/SEO/MINES/EPH/2021-22/468 Date:27.04.2021

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s. Baba Akhila Sai Jyothi Industries Pvt. Ltd. have proposed to undertake expansion of Steel Plant consisting of expansion of Sponge Iron Plant of capacity from 175 TPD to 375 TPD, Rolling Mill of capacity 72,000 TPA and Captive Power Plant Generation of capacity 12 MW (WHRB – 6 MW and AFBC – 6 MW) in a total area of 41.50 Acres at **Sy. No. 79 and 84, Chikkabaganal Village, Sy. No. 90/5, 90/7, 90/8, 90/9 and 91/6, Kunikeri Village, Koppal Taluk & District.** The project has to obtain Environmental Clearance from MoEF, Government of India, as per the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009) and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the MoEF, Government of India, Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No. J-11011/163/2010-IA.II(I) dated: 13.06.2019 and request of the project proponent dated 15.02.2020 and 18.02.2021, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board.

The details of the project are as follows:

1.	**Name of the Company & Address: M/s. Baba Akhila Sai Jyothi Industries Pvt. Ltd.** Sy. No. 83, 87 and 91, Chikkabaganal Village, Karkihalli Post, Koppal District – 583 228
2.	**Proposed Location of Mine: Sy. No. 79 and 84, Chikkabaganal Village, Sy. No. 90/5, 90/7, 90/8, 90/9 and 91/6, Kunikeri Village, Koppal Taluk & District**
3.	**Details of activity :** Proposed to undertake expansion of Steel Plant consisting of expansion of Sponge Iron Plant of capacity from 175 TPD to 375 TPD, Rolling Mill of capacity 72,000 TPA and Captive Power Plant Generation of capacity 12 MW (WHRB – 6 MW and AFBC – 6 MW).
4.	**Pollution control measures :** No water will be discharged on land and water bodies as Zero Liquid Discharge will be maintained. The reject water generated from the process will be reused in the process. Groundwater will be abstracted for industrial and domestic purposes. Greenbelt will be developed along the plant periphery and within the plant premises. Proper maintenance of vehicles will be done regularly. Periodic air quality monitoring will be carried out to monitor the changes as per the norms of State Pollution Control Board.
5.	**Date, time and venue of public hearing: 28.05.2021 (Friday) at 11:00 AM at the proposed project area of Sy. No. 79 and 84, Chikkabaganal Village, Sy. No. 90/5, 90/7, 90/8, 90/9 and 91/6, Kunikeri Village, Koppal Taluk & District**
6.	**Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:** (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Koppal (c) District Industries Centre, Koppal (d) Taluk Panchayath, Koppal (e) Village Panchayath Office, Chikkabaganal and Kunikeri (f) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Koppal (g) Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate change, South Zonal Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (h) **HELP DESK,** Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. **For details please visit our Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY

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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through e-Procurement Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from registered Agencies for the following works:

Office of the Chief Engineer (West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number		Amount put to tender EMD (in Rs.)	Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
1	West	BWSSB/EEW/TO/PB/91/2021-22 Dated: 19.04.2021		3,81,003/- 9,600/-	12.05.2021 upto 4:00 pm	13.05.2021 after 4.30 pm
2		BWSSB/EEW/TO/PB/109/2021-22 Dated: 21.04.2021	1	21,81,131/- 50,000/-		
3			2	21,69,250/- 50,000/-		
4			3	20,02,249/- 50,000/-		
5			4	13,33,415/- 33,400/-		
6			5	31,58,395/- 63,200/-		
7			6	20,61,488/- 50,000/-		
8			7	22,64,712/- 50,000/-		
9		BWSSB/EEW/TO/PB/111/2021-22 Dated: 21.04.2021 (Reserved for ST)	1	18,88,796/- 23,700/-		
10		BWSSB/EEW/TO/PB/111/2021-22 Dated: 21.04.2021 (Reserved for SC)	2	33,41,858/- 33,500/-		
11		BWSSB/EEW/TO/PB/111/2021-22 Dated: 21.04.2021 (Reserved for SC)	3	23,35,015/- 25,000/-		
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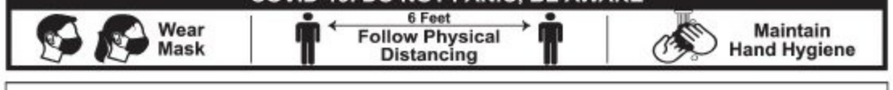

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COVID CONTROL

Production of O_2 at Sterlite allowed till July 31, says SC

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TERMING it a national need, the Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed Vedanta to operate its sealed Sterlite Copper plant at Thoothukudi to produce oxygen till July 31 amid the Covid-19 crisis. However, it didn't grant Tamil Nadu's request to be prioritised to receive oxygen from the plant.

Senior advocate CS Vaidyanathan, representing TN, said the State should be given priority and surplus oxygen may be distributed to other States. However, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta opposed this, saying the allocation of oxygen falls within the power of the Central government. The court then said it was seized of the matter, and in case any intervention is required, the Tamil Nadu government may approach it.

The court further asserted that there should be no political bickering over the generation of the gas by the company as the country is facing a national crisis.

> There cannot be political bickering in this court. We are in a national crisis. We have to support the nation as a court. It is a national calamity
>
> Supreme Court

A three-judge bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud also made it clear that Vedanta will not be allowed to enter and operate its copper smelting plant under the garb of this order and that permission to operate the oxygen plant would not create any equity in the company's favour.

The court directed the TN government to form a committee to oversee the functioning of the plant, which would include the Thoothukudi collector, SP, district environmental engineer, sub-collector and two government officials.

The bench asked Vedanta to give the committee a list of technical and non-technical staff who are essential to run the oxygen plant.

Warrior who braved kidney ailment loses fight to virus despite taking vax

AMIYA MEETHAL @ Kozhikode

U K Ashwathi was the sweet and pleasant face of the district TB Centre at Mananthavady in Wayanad. And she had dreams of making it big in life. But the deadly pandemic put paid to the aspirations of the 24-year-old, leaving the health fraternity in shock.

Ashwathi, the lab technician at the TB centre, on Monday became the first health worker from the district to succumb to Covid-19. What surprised the health officials was that she had taken both doses of the vaccine over a month ago.

"My daughter had big dreams of going out of Wayanad for work and making it big in life," said Ashwathi's father P K Unnikrishnan, who works at a tea factory in Rippon. "She didn't sit idle at home after completing BSc Medical Lab Technician (MLT) course two years ago. She worked as a trainee at a private hospital in Kalpetta, before being recruited as a staff under the National Health Mission (NHM)," he said.

U K Ashwathi | EXPRESS

She joined the government public health laboratory in Sulthan Bathery to test swabs of TB patients barely a month ago. She was taking medicines for a kidney disorder, and had taken all precautions during her daily commute to the TB Centre, said Unnikrishnan.

She was a reserved person, in her way, said Ashwathi's brother Amal Krishna. "Poetry was her refuge, though she did not display what she wrote. She had enthusiastically taken part in the online poetry competition conducted by district TB Centre recently," recalled Krishna, who is a BTech student at the Vimal Jyothi Engineering College, Chemberi in Kannur. Ashwathi wanted a permanent job and asked Amal to aim for one too. She leaves behind her father, mother P Bindu and brother.

District TB Officer Dr Ambu V said, "She was very dedicated to her profession. Always sweet and warm, she never said no to work." Ashwathi tested positive on April 22 and was admitted to the ICU at the district hospital in Mananthavady. "She had taken two doses of the vaccine more than a month ago. Ashwathi had cough, fever and sore throat. When the situation worsened, she was rushed to Kozhikode Medical College Hospital in an ambulance but died on the way," said a health department official.

Libraries dept to donate over 8,000 books to Syed Issaq

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@ Mysuru

SUPPORT continues to pour in for Syed Issaq, who vowed to rebuild his library from scratch after it was gutted recently in Mysuru. Primary Education Minister Suresh Kumar on Tuesday said that the public libraries department will donate 8,243 books to Syed Issaq.

He said directions were given to the director of public libraries to provide the necessary support to Issaq after reading news about the library in Mysuru being burnt down. "A proposal was also sent to Rajaram Mohan Roy Library Prathisthana, seeking its help in rebuilding the library," he said.

Meanwhile, department officials in the district said that rebuilding of the library has been postponed due to the Covid-19 curfew, and the date will be announced shortly.

No takers, no education: Fewer RTE applications than seats

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@ Bengaluru

APPLICATIONS for Right to Education (RTE) seats continue to fall short of the available numbers. For the coming academic year, applications are 2,111 short of the total 14,036 available seats.

In the top educational districts, there were just 109 applicants for the 406 RTE seats in Dakshina Kannada, nine for 43 seats in Kodagu, three for 129 seats in Chamarajanagar, and 148 for 965 seats in Bidar.

RTE activists pointed to the cavity in the system that comes to the fore through a proxy like the applications.

Government rules state that students cannot be admitted to private schools under RTE, should there be a government or aided school in the ward, which has been a hurdle to many applying for the seats. The negative news about the treatment of RTE students by public schools has also contributed to parents being hesitant in applying for the seats, said an education expert.

No lockdown required on counting day in Kerala: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kochi

EXPRESSING satisfaction over the precautions taken by the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the State government to curtail the spread of Covid-19 during the counting of votes on May 2, the Kerala High Court on Tuesday declined to order a lockdown on the day.

While disposing of the petitions seeking a directive to the government to impose a 48-hour lockdown from May 2, a division bench comprising Justice Ashok Menon and Justice C S Dias observed it has nothing to add to the orders issued by the State government and ECI.

The bench observed that the government is at liberty to invoke the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance against those violators of restriction order.

FOUR-TIME BELAGAVI MP SIDNAL PASSES AWAY, AGED 86

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@ Belagavi

FOUR-TIME Member of Parliament from Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency and veteran politician SB Sidnal passed away at the age of 86 at his residence in Belagavi on Tuesday. A large number of people and politicians attended his funeral, held at his Sidnal Farms at Sanikop, near Bailhongal, in the evening.

Sidnal hailed from a family of freedom fighters, with some of them taking part in major freedom movements in the early 1940s. His father, Basappa Sidnal, was a freedom fighter, while his maternal uncle Chennappa Wali had taken part in historic freedom movements. Wali was also MLA of the earlier Sampgaon assembly segment in Belagavi district.

Sidnal was a close associate of late B Shankaranand, former Union Minister, and had successfully contested four Lok Sabha elections, starting from 1980. He could not stretch his political success much longer and eventually lost his fifth Lok Sabha election from Belagavi.

SB Sidnal | EXPRESS

A lawyer, Sidnal switched to the Janata Dal after he was repeatedly snubbed by the Congress, but could not settle into the Dal, then headed by former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda. Even as his political downfall had already begun after his fifth LS loss, Sidnal decided to join Kannada Nadu Party, a political party floated by former MP Vijay Sankeshwar, about 15 years ago.

Although Sidnal and his sons, Shivakant and Shashikant, contested assembly elections as representatives of Kannada Nadu Party, none could make an impact, and ended up losing.

A popular leader in the 80s and 90s, Sidnal could not take up any significant projects or works for the overall development of Belagavi, then a neglected region of the State.

CM condoles demise

Several noted politicians, including Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, have condoled his demise. In his message, Yediyurappa called him a simple, straightforward, disciplined and honest politician who was able to become MP four times, back to back.

"May God rest his soul in peace and give enough strength to his family members and followers to bear the loss they suffered," Chief Minister Yediyurappa said.

BU decides to commence online classes

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AFTER postponing examinations indefinitely, Bangalore University has decided to continue with classes for the next semester online.

BU Vice-Chancellor Venugopal KR, on Tuesday, told principals of all affiliated colleges offering postgraduate courses to commence classes for the second year PG students (fourth semester) of the faculties of Arts, Science, Commerce, Management, Education and Physical Education for the academic year, from May 5 through online mode. Online classes for first-year PG students was informed earlier.

Meanwhile, the principals of all affiliated colleges for undergraduate courses were also told to start online classes for all semesters from April 28. After the spread of Covid on campus, university officials announced work-from-home option for all non-teaching staff up to May 11. They are expected to be available for emergency contact, but cannot travel out of the city.

Skeletal Vayu Vajra service from today to aiport

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WITH airport services operational during Covid Curfew in Karnataka, BMTC will run limited Vayu Vajra services. Buses will be operated only between Kempegowda Bus Station and Kempegowda International Airport during the entire curfew period.

"Only six buses will ply throughout the day. However, they will run 22 trips in each direction -- almost one bus every hour. We will operate a total of 44 trips beginning April 28. Bus routes in all other directions from the City, including Electronics City, Shanthi Nagar and Shivaji Nagar have been cancelled," said a BMTC official. There has been a massive dip in air passengers to Bengaluru. "We'll operate only along the main route. Ridership will be observed for 3 or 4 days, and if patronage is low, we will cancel the buses," he said.

IT'S NO MORE FUN AND GAMES

Despite the strict prohibition on team sports in the wake of rapid spike in Covid-19 cases, a group of youngsters play football at Fort Vypeen beach in Kochi by violating the Covid protocols. People remain callous about official directions, while Ernakulam features in one of the critical districts with pandemic spread across the country | A SANESH

Tiger found dead in Nagarhole reserve

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A male tiger, aged around 4-5 years, was found dead in DB Kuppe, Kanankunte beat, near Balle lake in Nagarhole tiger reserve on Tuesday morning.

According to Forest Department officials, the tiger is said to have died of heart attack in a territorial fight. This was established after an autopsy. There is no foul play as all its canines and claws were intact, they said.

This is the second tiger death reported in the reserve this month. Five days ago, a 10-year old male was reported dead in Veeranahosahalli range of the tiger reserve. The carcass was ten days old when it was found by a foot patrol team.

Merchants want 8-hour window, warn of shortages

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@ Bengaluru

THE four-hour relaxation in curfew time (6 am to 10 am) to transact business at the Yeshwantpur APMC yard is not enough and at least an eight-hour window is essential, say traders at South India's biggest wholesale market. They cautioned that the government may end up creating an artificial scarcity, unless the relaxation is given. However, talks by traders with the State Agriculture Department on Tuesday evening in this connection did not yield any result.

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Ramesh Chandra Lahoti, president of the Yeshwantpur APMC yard Okkoota, told TNIE, "We held talks with the Agriculture department Director to extend the timings up to 2 pm. Even if they permit us to run on alternate days, it will help us complete our business transactions." He warned, "Just like the shortage happening with oxygen now, we will have shortage of all essentials and an artificial scarcity will be created."

Explaining the situation, Lahoti said that it will take the labourers and other support staff at least an hour (up to 7 am) to reach the yard from different parts of the City as soon as the curfew is relaxed at 6 am. "It takes up to four hours to unload a truck and the workers have to reach their homes before the 10 am deadline. We are responsible for the safety of our workers and traders. Even retailers who come here to buy groceries need to load everything on to their vehicles and take it to different parts of the city. all this cannot be done in such a short duration," he explained.

During the first wave of Covid last year, the yard was permitted to function up to 4 pm, Lahoti pointed out.

Karee Gowda, Director of Agricultural Marketing, is reported to have told traders that they have to abide by the government's orders and relaxation was not possible. Uday Shankar, secretary of the Onion and Potato Merchants' Association, also said that the four-hour window needs to relaxed if people have to get their essentials uninterrupted during the curfew period.

EXPRESS READ

All passport offices in state closed from today

Bengaluru: Owing to the Covid Curfew announced in the state, all passport offices across Karnataka will remain closed during the 14-day period, the Regional Passport Office has tweeted. The Passport Kendras as well as the Post Office PSKs will be shut. The head office at Koramangala also will be closed, while emergency requests will be attended to, it said. All delivery post offices in the state and a few non-delivery ones will operate only between 9 am and 1 pm during the period, said Director of Postal Services, Raveendran. A total of seven postal staffers have died of Covide-19, while 167 are still positive, creating an acute shortage of staff to man the offices.

US Consulate in Hyd cancels routine visa services from May 3

Hyderabad: In view of the coronavirus spreading rapidly across the country, the US Consulate General office in Hyderabad has decided to cancel all the routine visa services scheduled from May 3. In an announcement posted on its official Twitter handle on Tuesday, the Consulate said: "Considering the current Covid-19 conditions, all routine visa services at the U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad are cancelled from May 3 until further notice, including all routine non-immigrant visa interview appointments and interview waiver appointments (sic)." "The Emergency American Citizen Services and visa appointments will continue to the extent that local conditions allow. We will make the attempt to honour scheduled emergency appointments during this time," it added.

Customs 'Green Corridor' clears Covid imports

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@ Bengaluru

A total of 99 ventilators and five humidifiers (oxygen apparatus) from Sweden and Singapore were cleared in record time by the airport cargo section of Kempegowda International Airport on Monday, bearing in mind the urgency of the situation. The total value of the cleared consignment was worth Rs 3.3 crore, said a Customs source.

Both consignments were cleared on April 26 by Cargo staff by creating what is termed as a 'Green Corridor' internally. With the Centre announcing withdrawal of 7.5 Customs cess and 3 per cent Health cess on items necessary for Covid treatment, the clearance was completed within six hours, instead of the 12-15 hours it normally takes, he explained.

The equipment meant for Covid care which arrived at KIA | EXPRESS

"A consignment of 54 ventilators arrived in the wee hours of Saturday at the airport from Singapore. We were ready to clear them on Sunday, but the importer could not complete the clearances from his side. So, it could be cleared only on Monday. The shipment from Sweden comprised 45 ventilators and five humidifiers, which came late on Sunday night. Both were cleared by us on Monday," he said.

With the Centre removing other taxes except the 12 per cent GST, the time spent making those payments could be cut out. "We gave them priority status and cleared both. Due to the sensitivity of the items and the urgency involved, we did not open the parcels and check them, as is normally done," he explained.

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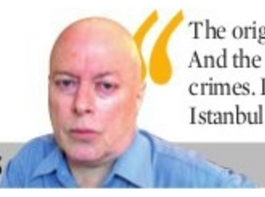

"The original crime defeats all efforts to cover it up. And the denial necessitates continuing secondary crimes. In 1955, a government-sponsored pogrom in Istanbul burned out most of its remaining Armenians" — Christopher Hitchens

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— Ramnath Goenka

WELCOME RBI MOVE TO LIMIT TENURE OF BANK CHIEFS

In a move to clean up the private banking sector, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decreed that the post of MD and CEO of a private bank cannot be held by the same individual for more than 15 years. In the case of promoter CEOs, the bank regulator has capped the tenure at 12 years. Thereafter, reappointment as CEO or whole-time director can be considered, but only after a cooling period of three years. Existing norms on the upper age limit for these jobs continues at 70 years, but banks have been given the freedom to pare the age limit down further. For non-executive bank directors, the tenure has been kept at a maximum of eight years, and the age limit 75 years.

Though fresh banking licences for the private sector have been few and far between, the personal grip of some of the promoter MDs/CEOs over the institutions they run has been a worrisome trend. Uday Kotak, promoter of Kotak Mahindra Bank, has been at the helm for nearly two decades, since the bank's establishment in 2003. More instructive has been the career of Rana Kapoor, the MD and CEO of Yes Bank till recently. Kapoor took charge soon after Yes Bank was given a private banking licence in 2003 and held the top posts till he was forced to step down in January 2019. Rana Kapoor, in jail currently, faces charges of having received kickbacks of over ₹4,300 crore from sanctioning loans.

Long-lasting bank chiefs are not necessarily a negative. This was proved by Aditya Puri, who was MD and CEO of HDFC Bank for 25 years before he stepped down in 2020. However, if internal checks and balances are lacking, individuals who continue to helm the bank over decades begin to treat these institutions as fiefdoms and the public money they are entrusted with is often misused. These guidelines should therefore be welcome as they will introduce more transparency and nudge banks to prepare succession plans well in advance. However, limiting tenure and age cannot be a panacea to misuse of power. For that, the RBI will have to exercise greater oversight.

CRISIS DEEPENS IN TELANGANA STATE

Telangana has joined the list of states that have acquired the dubious distinction of logging in more than 10,000 Covid-19 positive cases daily. In just a matter of 24 hours, ending 8 pm on Monday, there were 10,122 cases, a 35% rise from 6,551 cases on the previous day. The positivity rate shot up to an all-time high of 10.7%.

As the crisis deepens, the medical infrastructure is falling apart. Not a day passes without coming across heart-rending tales of patients gasping for oxygen beds in hospitals or outside or those waiting for their turn for a ventilator facility. Taking advantage of the situation, private hospitals are bleeding the people, which is forcing a majority of the patients to run to government hospitals that are suffering from several systemic problems including lack of staff and poor sanitation. Nothing speaks more eloquently about the grim scenario than the fact that even CM K Chandrashekar Rao, his son and minister K T Rama Rao, and several Cabinet ministers tested positive and are now under isolation and treatment. The CM took part in the campaign for the by-election to the Nagarjuna Sagar Assembly seat and a few days later, his test result came positive.

The only wise counsel that is heard often is from the High Court, which has been pointing out the lapses of the government in implementing measures to rein in the pandemic. Though cinema theatres have voluntarily closed down, pubs, bars and liquor shops are doing business with gay abandon. And the politicos are organising rallies for seven urban local bodies that are going to the polls. Though the government has imposed night curfew and fetched oxygen from Odisha, this alone cannot solve the problem. It is expected that KCR, after he recovers from Covid-19, might announce a lockdown for a limited period, but all possibilities need to be explored before that and key sectors like construction should be exempted to prevent the economy and livelihoods from taking a hit. To help those who cannot afford expensive medical care in private hospitals, the state could consider temporarily taking over at least half of them under the Epidemic Diseases Act.

Better leadership and governance at all levels of decision-making are crucial, rather than over-concentration of power and pervasive mistrust of one another

LIFE IN EXTREMISTAN: MANAGING BOTH PANDEMIC AND PANIC

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

What is crucial in this second wave—some have called it tsunami—of Covid-19 is panic management, as much as pandemic management. This means not just the media, but politicians, especially those who belong to the opposition parties, need to exercise restraint and responsibility. This is not the moment to score political points or extract that extra mile of political advantage from a national crisis.

Rather than sensationalising infections, deaths, cremations, oxygen shortages or overcrowded hospitals, the media, too, can focus on the more positive and constructive steps taken to alleviate the situation. Such as the increase in the capacity to manufacture or procure oxygen, including emergency airlifting of tankers on an unprecedented scale from abroad. Also, even more important in the longer run, the ramping up of vaccine production and delivery to all sections of the population.

If we cannot help, we must at least not harm or alarm by constantly harping on bad news or ratcheting up anxiety and distress. Endless circulation of negative news is bound to adversely affect both our mental health and, eventually, immunity, and should be avoided as much as possible.

I am not saying that we should turn a blind eye to the government's lapses, such as they might be. For instance, the inability to predict and prepare for the second wave. But if the government failed on this score, I can't think of who predicted such an eventuality accurately. That is why we need to recognise that no government is perfect or has all the information necessary to take the right decisions. What we must, instead, ask if the intentions are right, if the commitment to do the best remains intact, and if course-correction is demonstrable after missteps are documented.

This becomes all the more clear when we acknowledge that there is so much about this pandemic, as of the virus that causes it, which remain unknown.

Is it any surprise, then, that we were prematurely lulled into believing that we had the upper hand in the fight against Covid-19? Both the infection and mortality rates had declined dramatically, making us much more careless in observing social distancing and mask etiquette. Large religious and social gatherings, political rallies, farmer protests—all contributed to the second, more transmissible, surge.

When the pandemic began, over a year ago, we thought that infected surfaces spread the disease. We started disinfecting like crazy. A world leader even reportedly wondered, much to the horror of experts, whether the ingestion of sanitisers was an antidote. After every case of Covid-19, offices were closed for 48 hours to enable a thorough disinfection of the premises. In the initial stages, masks were not even recommended, let alone mandatory. Even the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta did not think they prevented infection. As we knew better, masking up has become compulsory.

But from the notion that large droplets, against which masks are more effective, are the primary cause of the disease, we now believe that the virus travels through aerosol spray. That is, tiny particles of infection that remain in the air breathed out by those infected. Especially in closed spaces, with recirculating air, the virus is most easily transmitted. It is still not clear how much virus is required to cause infection, why it varies in severity, why some carriers are asymptomatic and why, all of a sudden, younger people are dying from it.

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It is true that leading global influencers like Bill Gates, Laurie Garrett and Nassim Nicholal Taleb had warned us that pandemics were not only predictable, they were inevitable. Yet, what we cannot deny is that no one could forecast the exact course they would take. Taleb, in a paper co-authored with Joseph Norman and Yaneer Bar-Yam, had presaged as early as January 26 last year that increased connectivity would render a "non-linear" spread of the virus. What this implies is a "fat-tailed" output, disproportionate to inputs then discerned.

Taleb had famously quipped that governments "did not want to spend pennies in January; now they are going to spend trillions". But with lack of exact knowledge of incubation times, mutations, degrees and modes of transmission, the exact trajectory of the pandemic was hard to foretell. For many countries, it was a costly learning process rather than killing the monster "in the egg".

In his celebrated bestseller, The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable, originally published in 2007, Taleb, offered a curious topic header: "How Extremistan is not the best place to visit, except, perhaps, if you are a winner." Extremistan? Yes, it's a neologism coined by Taleb.

"Extremistan is where we are subjected to the tyranny of the singular, the accidental, the unseen and the unpredicted," he explains. Today, with the Covid-19 pandemic spiralling out of control, India, more than usual, resembles Extremistan.

How to live in Extremistan? To answer in Taleb's own terms, it is to learn to be anti-fragile. The anti-fragile thrive, not merely survive, in dire straits, when unpredictable and asymmetric calamities strike. But a lot of hard work needs to go into making us anti-fragile. Better leadership and governance at all levels of decision-making are crucial, rather than over-concentration of power and pervasive mistrust of one another.

More immediately, the vaccine rollout for those 18 and above, some 600 million Indians who will overnight become eligible for inoculation, must be carefully planned and decentralised so as to mitigate pandemonium and chaos. The last thing we want is a vaccine run on our hands. Unfortunately, good advice is hard to come by in difficult times, but even harder to take when people are in no mood to listen.

(Tweets @MakrandParanspe)

AMERICA FINALLY CALLS OUT ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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Ending the past silence, US President Joe Biden marked the Armenian Genocide Remembrance day of April 24 by calling out the historical event and promised American commitment "to preventing such an atrocity from ever again occurring". It was on this day in 1915, amidst World War I, that the Ottoman authorities arrested and expelled about 250 Armenian intellectuals and artists from Istanbul; most were eventually killed. This began a process of systematic arrest, deportation, forced march and eventual massacre of thousands of Armenians.

As Biden said, the purpose is "not to cast blame" but to prevent its recurrence. This belated recognition of the Armenian Genocide indicates that human rights would guide the Biden administration's policies towards the outside world, even towards American friends and allies.

The expressions 'genocide' and 'ethnic cleansing' were not in vogue when the Armenians were systematically eliminated and their culture annihilated in Ottoman Turkey. Not surprisingly, it was the Arab parts of the Empire, especially present-day Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Iran, which received, hosted and protected thousands of fleeing Armenians.

Estimates put the number of Armenians killed during 1914-1916 at over 1.5 million, or nearly 90% of the Armenians who were living in the Ottoman Empire. These deaths were accompanied by about 1,00,000-2,00,000 women and children being forcibly converted into Islam, and the number of crypto-Armenians or Turkish citizens with Armenian lineage could run several thousand.

While the Armenian elites occupied senior positions in the Ottoman Empire, the relations were tense at the societal level. Despite the communal autonomy, the Armenian-Muslim relations were uneasy and suspicious. The Turkish antipathy towards the Christians reached its zenith when militant members of the Young Turks took over the reigns on the eve of World War I. Blaming the Armenians of betrayal for the initial military reversals in the Balkans, the Young Turks under military leader Enver Pasha institutionalised their systematic annihilation.

Disregarding historical evidence of the role played by senior figures in the Ottoman Empire, the leaders of modern Turkey vehemently denied charges of genocide. They blamed it on the civil war situation and argued that no 'systematic extermination' of the Armenians ever took place. However, the massive extermination of its Armenian population transformed the post-Ottoman Turkish republic as an ethnically homogenous state since 'ethnic cleansing' of Armenians facilitated the Turkification process—both ethnic and religious—of modern Turkey.

Biden's decision to recognise the mass killing of Armenians as a 'genocide' is a small but significant move towards recognising a historical injustice. For decades, the world knew that "one and a half million Armenians were deported, massacred, or marched to their deaths in a campaign of extermination". That it took more than a century for the American leadership to recognise this is testimony to political and strategic calculations overriding moral and ethical concerns. Washington is a highly politicised capital, and like several domestic and foreign policy issues, the Armenian question was subsumed by larger 'strategic' issues.

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The announcement is a severe setback for the Turkish lobby that was successful for decades. Flagging Turkey's importance to NATO and its position as a major Muslim-majority ally of the West, friends of Turkey were able to prevent any meaningful discussion on the Armenian Genocide. Despite his promises, President Barack Obama failed to deliver and it was left to his former deputy and current incumbent of the White House to fulfil the long-standing aspirations of the Armenian diaspora. The first signs of the American shift came in 2019 when both the Houses of US Congress voted to recognise the Armenian Genocide.

Even Israel, which recognises and marks the Holocaust, has been slow in recognising the Armenian Genocide. Turkey, the first Muslim country to recognise the Jewish state in 1949, was too vital for Israel. Indeed, in the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh last year, Israel angered Armenians by siding with Muslim-majority Azerbaijan. Biden's latest move should induce Israel to revisit the subject, especially in light of the cold winds blowing from Ankara. With growing regional acceptance and recognition, Israel should move away from its political timidity of not recognising the genocide.

What could be the Turkish reaction? Ankara immediately described Biden's move as a hurdle for reconciliation with Armenia. One should expect more vociferous reactions from Turkish President Erdogan. Like individuals, societies are also sensitive to external criticism, especially over an unpleasant past. Hence, under its neo-Ottomanist leader, Ankara will not keep quiet, especially if other countries follow the American example and use the dreaded G-word. Biden's move will complicate the Washington-Ankara relations, already under rough weather over receding democratic space within Turkey and policy disagreements over Russia.

Like individuals, it is not easy for societies to come to terms with their ugly past and they behave like ostriches, lest old wounds are reopened. The question of recognition and apology over mass murders such as Japan over Nanjing, Pakistan over Bangladesh, the US for Hiroshima and Nagasaki or the Israeli-Palestinian conflict still linger on. The unconditional apology and reparations contributed to the German-Jewish reconciliation. While apology alone is insufficient, remorse over the past is critical for meaningful reconciliation and healing. On the Armenian issue, Turkey is still far away from that Willy Brandt moment.

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Polls and the pandemic

The suggestion of the Madras HC that EC officers should be booked on murder charges for not implementing Covid protocols is not unreasonable. The Kerala chief electoral officer has noted that the state government failed to restrict political gatherings and did not heed EC directives. There is no use in lamenting over spilt milk. At least the protocols should be implemented during counting.
Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Setting an example

A differently-abled beedi worker from Kerala has donated his life's savings to the CM's Disaster Relief Fund to help people get vaccines. A commendable act.
K R Srinivasan, Secunderabad

Insights on corona crisis

The article *Covid: Missing facts, misdirected discourse* (Apr 27) on the corona situation in India was an eye-opener, especially for its insights on the oxygen availability crisis and profiteering by big hospitals. It is sad that state governments have not taken proactive measures in the past year and conveniently chose to blame the PM.
K Ramachandran, Chennai

Defending the Centre

The article has defended the Centre over the delay in supply of oxygen. But it is silent about the Kumbh and callousness of political parties during polls that contributed to the spread of Covid.
Leonard Fernandez, Kozhikode

Tamasha in Covid epicentre

I salute the newspaper for its decision to discontinue IPL coverage. When the whole country is reeling under the pandemic, the tamasha was happening right in Mumbai, the epicentre of the second Covid wave and has now moved to Delhi, another city hit by the crisis.
S V Radhakrishnan, Chennai

Laudable decision

The decision on IPL coverage is laudable and exemplary. As mentioned, the problem is not with the game but with its timing. This gesture can be followed by others as well. Let us stand as one nation with one resolve till there is a return to normalcy.
B Jambulingam, Thanjavur

It's a much-needed break

The IPL may be very commercial. But with the Covid scenario only worsening, most people are forced to spend their time at home, which can result in mental stress with all the depressing news around. So for many, the IPL is giving a break from this tense environment and is something to look forward to.
Geethika O T, Hyderabad

Positive news too

I appreciate that you don't want to give importance to cricket during the crisis. At the same time, giving it too much importance, especially on the front page, is adding to the negativity. Please give emphasis to positive news too.
B Namasivayem, Chennai

Stimulating to read

At a time when the consumption of traditional concoctions like *charu/rasam* and pulusu/sambar is advised during the pandemic, it was stimulating to read *Arey O Samba! Who invented sambar? (Apr 27)*. It meanders through culinary history to trace the origin of these simple but effective South Indian dishes.
U Atreya Sarma, Bengaluru

A welcome relief

The piece on *Sambar* was a welcome relief amidst the onslaught of grim news regarding the pandemic and its myriad mutations. A return to our traditional dishes and a largely vegetarian diet will help our health and the ecosystem too.
Parameswaran K, Kozhikode

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Rejecting universal opinion to scrap 20K crore project feeding his personal vanity, Modi now circumvents lockdown

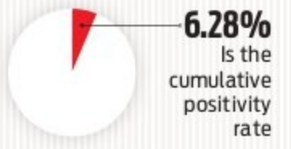
Dr Harsh Vardhan @drharshvardhan
The youth of India should contribute to the effort to motivate people to adopt Covid-19 compliant behavior

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
PM said on Sunday "2nd Covid wave testing our capacity to bear pain". Just like demonetisation tested our capacity to display patriotism

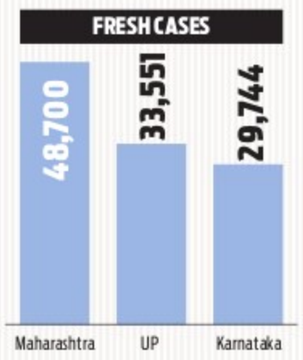
INDIA'S COVID UPDATES

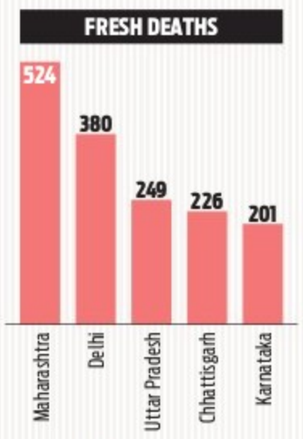
10 STATES
reported **69.1%** of new cases: Maharashtra, UP, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Rajasthan

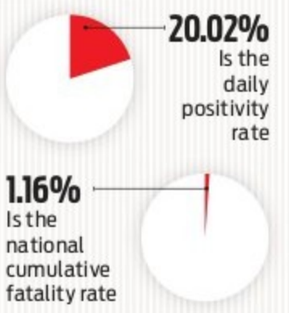
10 STATES
states account for **77.3%** of new deaths



6.28% Is the cumulative positivity rate







20.02% Is the daily positivity rate

1.16% Is the national cumulative fatality rate

16,58,700
Samples tested in past 24 hours

'File Kappan's medical report'

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the UP government to file a medical report of journalist Siddique Kappan and adjourned the matter for further hearing till Wednesday. SC's three-judge bench, led by CJI NV Ramana, was hearing a petition filed by the Kerala Union of Working Journalists seeking its direction to transfer Kappan from Mathura hospital to AIIMS, New Delhi, due to his serious ill-health.

Australia bans Indian flights

New Delhi: Australia on Tuesday temporarily banned direct passenger flights from India till May 15. Australian PM Scott Morrison said repatriation flights would resume with the most vulnerable given priority. "We don't think the answer is to forsake those Australians in India and just shut them off, as some seem to suggest," he said, adding there would be no special treatment for cricketers currently playing in the IPL.

SUPPORT POURS IN

International community extends support to India amid Covid-19 crisis

UK
495 oxygen concentrators
120 non-invasive ventilators
20 manual ventilators
100 ventilators, 95 oxygen concentrators

IRELAND
700 oxygen concentrators (already dispatched)

SWEDEN
120 ventilators

FRANCE
PHASE I (ARRIVING THIS WEEK)
8 large oxygen generating plants
28 respirators & their consumables
200 electric syringe pushers
PHASE II (ARRIVING NEXT WEEK)
5 liquid oxygen containers

GERMANY
23 mobile oxygen production plant (for 3 months)
120 ventilators
80 million KN95 masks

SINGAPORE
250 oxygen concentrators

LUXEMBOURG
58 ventilators

PORTUGAL
5,503 vials of Remdesivir, **20K litres** of oxygen per week

BELGIUM
9,000 doses of Remdesivir

ROMANIA
80 oxygen concentrators, **75** oxygen cylinders

AUSTRALIA
500 ventilators
1 million surgical masks
5,00,000 P2 & **N95 masks**
1,00,000 goggles
1,00,000 pairs of gloves

SAUDI ARABIA
80 MT of liquid oxygen

PROPOSED AID FROM US
Oxygen generation & related supplies
PPEs to be transferred immediately
Doses of **AstraZeneca**-made vaccine to be shared with many countries, including India
3 lakh vials of Remdesivir
Raw material for **Remdesevir**

Masks for those with +ve patient at home: Experts

Doctors say govt's latest advisory seems largely intended to emphasise use of masks

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

UNDERLINING the need for a clear context in which the government's latest recommendation to wear face masks at home to be followed, doctors and experts have said the statement seems largely intended to emphasise their use due to the exponential rise in Covid-19 infections across India.

"If there is a Covid-19 positive case in the family, it is very important that the person wears a mask even indoors because the virus can spread to others in the home," V K Paul, a member (health) of the Niti Aayog who also heads the national Covid-19 task force, had said at a press briefing on Monday.

"I would rather go on to say that the time has come that we start wearing a mask at home even otherwise," he said, adding that so far the government would talk about wearing mask outdoors, but since the infection has spread, people should wear a mask even at home.

According to Yatin Mehta, an intensivist at Medanta in Gurugram, if a family member is positive, he/she should be completely isolated and people should wear masks at home. "Otherwise, it's impractical and not necessary. This (statement) was probably issued to emphasise masking," he said.

Shikha Panwar, an ICU doctor from Faridabad who has managed numerous Covid patients since the beginning of the pandemic, too underscored that various studies have shown that wearing a mask at the first onset of symptom decreases secondary attack rate drastically.

"It is an important step, especially if any of the family members show symptom best is to isolate him immediately and all other members of the family to wear a mask and protect them from each other," she said.

> **If we use mask, then even if we fall sick, the severity of the disease will be less as the viral load will be drastically lower, while the high viral load is associated with more severe disease**
> Shikha Panwar, doctor

Some other experts, meanwhile, pointed out that apart from applying to families with known or symptomatic infected members, masking at home can also be useful in households when there's a member who goes out every day or at high risk by nature of work.

"Masking at home for everyone all the time may be logical (given the circumstances) but often not practical," said critical care expert Raymond Savio from Chennai. He also said there is scanty information on what long-term impact can the mask use cause if people wear it for long hours every day.

A Covid patient inside an ambulance waits for his turn to get treated at LNJP Hospital in New Delhi on Tuesday | PARVEEN NEGI

Can't remain mute spectator, we'll help HCs, says top court

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday said that it cannot be a mute spectator to a national crisis as it asked the government to clarify the rationale on which Covid-19 vaccines are being priced in the country.

It also sought details on the availability of medical oxygen and medicines for treatment of Covid patients. At the same time, the apex court reiterated that it never proposed to interdict the high courts. "There are issues which transcend regional boundaries and if HCs have any difficulty in dealing with an issue due to territorial limitations, the SC will help."

The bench added that it does not aim to enter the domain of the executive either, and rather intends to provide suggestions and valid solutions.

A three-judge bench led by Justice D Y Chandrachud's instructions to the Centre came on a suo motu cognisance hearing which the top court had taken last week after several high courts delivered orders regarding the Covid situation in their states.

The bench also named senior advocates Jaideep Gupta and Meenakshi Arora as amicus curaie in the case after senior advocate Harish Salve recused on being named. It has now slated the case for further hearing on April 30 and asked Centre and states not to use the platform to recriminate each other.

"We expect that the matter will be conducted in cooperation. That is an appeal from us," the bench said.

During the hearing, the bench asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to examine the necessity of invoking the provisions of Patents Act to regulate prices of vaccines.

"Regarding pricing of Covid-19 vaccination, different manufacturers are quoting different prices. There are powers under the Patents Act. This is a pandemic and a national crisis," Justice Bhat said.

In its order, the court said the government should apprise it on the total availability of oxygen, and its current as well as projected demand and should detail in its affidavit the steps taken to ensure augmentation of oxygen supply, and the monitoring mechanism to ensure oxygen supply to states affected by shortage, among other things.

Younger people hit harder in Uttarakhand's second wave

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

THE Uttarakhand government data shows the second Covid wave has hit the younger population harder, with 40% deaths being reported of those below the age of 50 years.

Out of total 408 fatalities reported this month, 190 involved those below 50 years of age. "The new variant is affecting younger people more than ever in comparison with the first wave when the elderly and people above 50 years of age were the most vulnerable. We all need to be cautious and wear masks all the time," said Dr Abhishek Tripathi, in-charge of the health department's Covid control room in Dehradun.

Medical experts said the double mutant and other variants of the virus have a higher infection rate. The data also reveals that in terms of the spread, the second wave is the worst. Meanwhile, 5,703 new Covid cases were reported in the state on Thursday, taking the total active cases count in the state to 43,032. The recovery rate came down to 68.96% with a positivity rate of 4.42%.

Meanwhile, the state has vaccinated more than 15.83 lakh people out of which over 3.64 lakh have got the second dose of the vaccine.

State cabinet minister and spokesperson for the government Subodh Uniyal said, "We are aware of the serious situation and this is why the state government has decided to vaccinate people from 18-45 years of age for free. We have also relaxed rules to ensure speedy procurement of essential medicines, oxygen and other medical requirements."

From Vishwa Guru, we have become Vishwa Beggars. From vaccine givers we have sunk to begging for medical help
Yashwant Sinha, TMC leader

During the last year, MPLAD fund was suspended for 2 years in view of outbreak. MPLAD fund helps the MP in development in their respective areas
Digvijaya Singh, Congress leader

The central vistas project in Delhi amidst so much suffering in the country is about as close as you can get to colonialism
Kaushik Basu, economist

2,157
FRESH CASES REPORTED IN HP, HIGHEST SO FAR

RAMPING UP
An indoor stadium in Srinagar being converted into a Covid-19 facility for an emergency in the wake of the spike in cases, on Tuesday | PTI

GOVT JUNKS MAHA CLAIM, SAYS HAS ENOUGH DOSES

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Tuesday retorted charges by government functionaries in Maharashtra that there is an acute shortage of vaccine in the state, which has badly hit the ongoing vaccination drive.

It clarified that till Tuesday morning, the state, which has been reporting the maximum number of fresh Covid cases in India, had received a total of 1,58,62,470 doses while the total consumption, including wastage, there so far is 1,49,39,410.

"Balance of 9,23,060 doses is still available with the state for administration of vaccine doses to the eligible population groups" said the Union ministry of health and family welfare in a statement adding that 3 lakh more doses of Covid vaccine are in the pipeline for delivery to the state in the next three days. The details shared show that Maharashtra has the highest unused vaccine doses available so far when compared to other states.

More than 1 crore doses are still available with states to be administered, said the ministry and reassured that over 80 lakh additional doses will reach them in the next 3 days. The vaccine dose data put out by the government showed that Maharashtra, UP, Gujarat, Rajasthan and West Bengal have received the maximum vaccine doses so far. *ENS*

Workers unload oxygen cylinders at NMMC's Covid Care Centre in Mumbai | PTI

Oxygen production being scaled up, officials tell PM

NEW DELHI: The production of liquid medical oxygen (LMO) has risen to 8,922 MT per day and is expected to cross 9,250 MT by the end of the month, the government said on Tuesday, noting that it was only 5,700 MT in August last year.

PM Narendra Modi was informed about the increasing production of the life-saving gas, whose shortage has been reported in several places amid a surge in Covid-19 cases, at a high-level meeting on Tuesday during which he asked officials to work closely with state governments to start PSA oxygen plants at the earliest. Modi reviewed the availability of medical infrastructure and directed officials to ensure rapid upgradation of health facilities, the PMO said in a statement.

Three empowered groups also made a presentation to the PM. Modi was briefed about the functioning of the Oxygen Express service as well as the domestic and international sorties undertaken by the Air Force to transport oxygen tankers. Officials also noted that they are encouraging states to also set up PSA plants.

The group working on the Covid management briefed him on efforts being undertaken to ramp up the availability of beds and ICUs. *ENS*

MP hospital's smart management saves precious gas cylinders

BHOPAL: With the Centre asking states to ensure judicious use of oxygen, a model successfully adopted by the Government Medical College in MP's Khandwa district could come in handy for the stressed hospitals across the country.

The medical college has put in place a mélange of best practices, spanning from correct identification and re-classification of patients as per oxygen requirement to segregating patients without oxygen need to separate floor and from monitoring the correct oxygen use based on actual need and forecasting the demand based on requirement to the training of human. Khandwa is among the few districts of MP which have till date managed to control new Covid-19 cases.

The hospital has monitored the correct oxygen use based on actual need and forecasting the demand based on admitted patient requirement. While patients needing no oxygen are admitted on the fifth floor and disconnected from direct pipeline, those admitted on the fourth floor are getting oxygen support between one and five litres per minute from oxygen Concentrators. On the third floor, Type B cylinders of one to 15 litre supply per minute is being ensured, while centralised oxygen supply is being ensured to reduce wastage on the second floor.

Khandwa collector Anay Dwivedi says the practices have resulted in reducing the usage of oxygen from 100 cylinders per hour to 30, thus helping saving 70 cylinders per hour and 1,800 cylinders in a day. "Tanker drivers told us that by lifting the tanker's front wheel up to 1.5 ft, 300-350 kg more oxygen can be secured through the tank's dead storage. We acted over it by lifting the tanker's front wheel by nine inches and managed to get 75 kg extra oxygen from the tank's dead storage," Dwivedi said. *ENS*

EXEMPTION

Assam Chief Electoral Officer Nitin Khade on Tuesday asked the state government to exempt polling agents of candidates guarding the strong rooms from the ambit of the night curfew imposed till May 1

31 DEATHS IN GOA DUE TO COVID-19 INFECTION IN 24 HOURS

Ahmedabad	43	29	Mumbai	34	28
Bhopal	40	26	Panaji	33	27
Jaipur	40	24	Patna	42	23
Amritsar	38	21	Lucknow	41	26
Chennai	35	25	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	39	27	Imphal	35	15
Srinagar	25	08	Chandigarh	45	25

Rural Bengal bears burden of Covid surge

Cases up by five to eight times compared to last year; experts blame massive political campaigns for the spike

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kolkata

THE second wave of Covid-19 has hit the rural pockets of Bengal hard, resulting in five to eight times surge in new positive cases compared to last year's infection rate even at its peak. The biggest contributor to the spike was the electoral extravaganza by political parties, mainly the BJP and TMC, health experts say.

While admitting that this year's surge was bigger than last year's, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had recently called for sustained efforts to ensure that the infection did not hit the villages. However, at the peak of election campaigning, Modi had addressed 20 major rallies in less than a month in rural Bengal, which now is reeling under an unprecedented surge.

According to the records available with the state health department, on October 1, 2020, Birbhum recorded 94 cases in 24 hours; the relative figure as on April 26 is 704. Similarly, Hooghly's 24-hour count on October 1 last year was 145, which shot up to 818 in 24 hours on April 26.

Blaming massive political gatherings of jostling and mask-less people, health experts said: "In the first wave, the infection scenario in rural Bengal was not as grim. In all the rallies and roadshows, Covid-19 safety protocols were grossly flouted. Instead of discouraging people from assembling, all political leaders welcomed the crowds. Political parties' effort to woo the rural electorate is behind the surge."

During the political rallies, aside from the local populace, large hordes of supporters were brought from outside by the parties in a show of strength, contributing to the spread.

After the graph started spiraling north, CPM had decided to abstain from organising public rallies. On April 22, the Election Commission banned roadshows and public rallies with more than 500 people but by then, the damage was done.

24-HOUR SPIKE COMPARISON

	Oct 1 2020	Apr 26 2021
Birbhum	94	704
Howrah	195	914
Hooghly	145	818
North 24 Parganas	646	3,425
Murshidabad	97	502
East Midnapore	70	505
West Burdwan	79	770

Trinamool Congress leader placed under surveillance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kolkata

THE Election Commission of India ordered that the controversial Trinamool Congress leader and party's Birbhum district president Anubrata Mondal be placed under the surveillance of a deputy magistrate and Central Armed Police Force from Tuesday 5 pm till April 30 7 am.

The Commission directed West Bengal's chief electoral officer Sunil Gupta to keep the movement and election-related activities of Mondal under constant watch during the entire election period. Birbhum will go to polls on April 29, the last phase.

In the instruction, the Commission said, "In view of serious complaints and feedback received from various sources and as per the report of the DEO and SP Birbhum, the Commission has directed that Shri Anubrata Mondal, District President of AITC, Birbhum, should be kept under strict surveillance of Executive Magistrate and CAPF, round the clock to ensuring free and fair elections."

Mondal was censured by the Commission on April 12 for making objectionable comments against a woman BJP candidate. Mondal was placed under similar surveillance during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and the 2016 assembly polls. Reacting to the poll panel's directive, Mondal said it has become a common practice and the people of the state will give a befitting reply. West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh welcomed the decision, contending that if the chief minister can be restricted, why would there not be strict measures for "someone like Mondal".

> In view of serious complaints from various sources, Anubrata Mondal should be kept under surveillance of Executive Magistrate
>
> Election Commission

Stung by HC, poll panel bans victory celebrations

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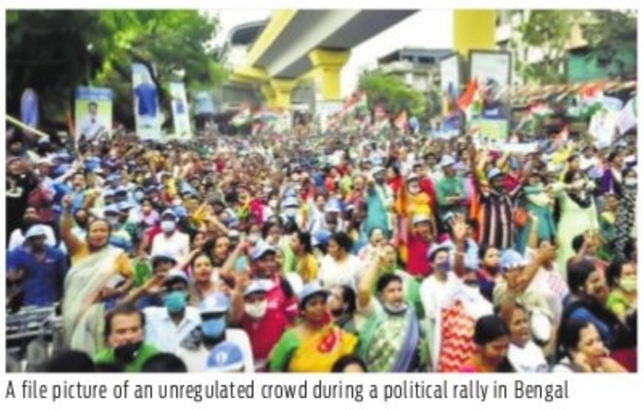

A file picture of an unregulated crowd during a political rally in Bengal

A day after the Madras High Court came down heavily on the poll panel for failing to implement Covid guidelines during campaigning, the Election Commission on Tuesday banned all kinds of victory celebrations and processions on and after May 2, the day the counting of votes will take place for the Assembly elections in the four states and Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry.

The Commission in its order directed all Chief Electoral Officers to ensure no more than two persons accompanied the winning candidates when receiving the certificate of election from Returning Officers. The Madras HC on Monday had hauled the EC over coals, holding it 'singularly' responsible for the spread. It had called the poll panel 'the most irresponsible' and even said its officials may be booked under murder charges.

Meanwhile, the poll panel said that enforcement of Covid-19 measures was the responsibility of the State Disaster Management Authority under the Disaster Management Act, 2005. It referred to the Bihar polls, saying: "In 2020, amidst the lockdown, the Commission completed electoral exercise in Bihar... The Commission has always emphasized that state authorities shall ensure Covid compliance."

The Commission had regularly interacted with state/UT chief secretary and health secretary and the Chief Electoral Officers to ensure that all Covid-19 measures are enforced at counting centres on May 2, it said.

DISPELLING DOUBTS

Jabs do not affect rituals of Ramadan: Grand Mufti

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

With vaccine hesitancy bringing down the number of people getting the shots, especially during the fasting month of Ramadan in Jammu and Kashmir, the J&K's Grand Mufti on Tuesday advised people get the jab as it did not impact their rituals. He has also said Muslims can offer five-time prayers at home in case they felt vulnerable while offering prayers at mosque.

J&K's Grand Mufti, Mufti Nasir-ul-Islam told *TNIE* that the Covid vaccine did not affect fasting in any way. "It does not break the fast," he said.

"A Muslim can take the jab during Ramadan. I urge the people, especially Muslims, to go for vaccination. I have also taken the vaccine," he said.

Mufti Nasir said the Covid vaccine is intra-muscular and it is not a glucose, which can increase energy level. "It is an intra-muscular vaccine for defense against the virus. There is no food ingredient in the vaccine and as such it won't impact the fasting in anyway."

He asserted that taking Covid vaccine in Ramadan is Islamic. "Everyone must come forward and take the vaccine. People should not pay heed to rumours."

Advising people to stay indoors, the Grand Mufti said, "People can offer five-time prayers at home in case they feel the risk of catching virus while going outside. They can stay at home and offer prayers there. The safety of a person is supreme".

He said and asked the clerics to inform people about following social distancing and wearing masks while offering prayers in the mosques.

The Grand Mufti also rejected the misconception that people cannot offer prayers while wearing masks. "It is preposterous and nonsensical. It does not have any ground."

He also asked the Masjid committee to acquire oxygen cylinders so that they can be provided to Covid-patients, who are in need of oxygen supply. "The oxygen cylinders should be kept in reserve as we don't know what is going to happen tomorrow as the Covid-cases are rising in J&K and India".

1,300 additional beds for Covid patients in Srinagar

The additional beds have been set up at various public and private facilities. Authorities are also arranging other essentials.

EXPRESS READ

NIA chargesheets KLF terrorists in murder case

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency on Tuesday chargesheeted eight terrorists of the banned Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) for their alleged involvement in killing Shaurya Chakra awardee Comrade Balwinder Singh Sandhu at the direction of their Pakistan-based handlers. Sandhu, who fought terrorism in Punjab, was shot dead in October last year in Tarn Taran district. The charge sheet was filed before a special NIA court in Mohali under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code, the Arms Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. Inderjit Singh of Tarn Taran; Sukhraj Singh, Sukhdeep Singh, Gurjit Singh and Sukhmeet Pal Singh of Gurdaspur; Ravinder Singh, Akashdeep Arora and Jagroop Singh of Ludhiana have been chargesheeted as accused in the case. Sandhu was murdered at his residence by two unidentified people.

GHAT BOUND

Women ascetics going for a holy dip in Haridwar for the last Shahi Snan of Kumbh 2021 in Haridwar on Tuesday | PTI

PROACTIVE

Patna HC to help private hosps address O_2 shortage

THE Patna High Court has come to the aid of private hospitals, assuring to redress their grievances with regard to oxygen supply by taking up the issue with government agencies. The decision comes amid an unprecedented surge in Covid-19 cases in Bihar.

An email ID has been made public following the order issued by the Patna High Court on April 23 to receive complaints directly over insufficient or non-available of oxygen from the private hospitals. As many as 90 private hospitals have been allowed to start treatment of Covid-19 patients, adhering to the guidelines laid down by the MHA. The Registrar General of Patna High Court has been entrusted to look into the complaints.

The order stated that private hospitals allowed to treat Covid-19 patients but face difficulty in getting supplying of oxygen can share the problems through email with the court. *ENS*

Kotkapura probe fresh flashpoint in Amarinder-Sidhu strained relations

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

(Left) Navjot Singh Sidhu and Captain Amarinder Singh (right)

THE sparring match between Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Navjot Singh Sidhu reached another flash point on Tuesday, with the incumbent daring the ex-cricketer to challenge him in his pocket borough of Patiala. Sidhu has been critical of his own government ever since the Punjab and Haryana High Court quashed the Special Investigation Team (SIT) report into the 2015 Kotkapura firing on April 9.

A day after Sidhu attacked the Congress dispensation over delay in justice, Amarinder made it clear that the party would not tolerate indiscipline. Daring Sidhu to challenge him from Patiala, Amarinder said the former India opener would meet the same fate of former army chief General J J Singh, who had lost his security deposit.

In an official statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office, Amarinder questioned Sidhu's allegiance, asking whether he was a member of the Congress or not. "If yes, then his rant against his Chief Minister and the government amounts to gross indiscipline," said Amarinder Singh.

Casting doubts on Sidhu's political future, Amarinder said: "The BJP would not take him back and as far as the SAD is concerned, they are also peeved at him."

Lauding Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar, who offered to resign after the verdict, the chief minister said there was no chance of Sidhu replacing Jakhar.

"Sidhu joined Congress only four years ago, and as such there are many who have started their career with the Youth Congress and are much senior to him. Hence, how can he be made the deputy chief minister of the PPCC president," he pointed out, adding that Jakhar and Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa's resignations had been rejected.

Assuring that Kotkapura probe would be brought to its logical conclusion, Amarinder said a new SIT would take over the investigation.

However, he said that the April 9 verdict was more political than a judicial judgment. He also sought to clarify that the Kotkapura verdict had no bearing on the Guru Granth Sahib sacrilege cases as both were separate.

Meanwhile, responding to Amarinder, Sidhu tweeted, "Efforts to derail Punjab's conscience will fail ... My Soul is Punjab and Punjab's Soul is Guru Granth Sahib Ji ... Our fight is for Justice & punishing the guilty, an assembly seat is not even worth discussion in the same breathe !!"

In 2015, police had opened fire at agitators protesting against the sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib, prompting the government to institute an SIT probe, which was quashed by the High Court on April 9.

The verdict had given former chief minister Parkash Singh Badal a clean chit while issuing strictures against the SIT probe head Kunwar Vijay Pratap.

Come out of ivory tower, HC tells Guj govt

SUDHIR SURYAWNSHI @ Mumbai

THE Gujarat High Court on Tuesday said that the measures taken by the government to address the Covid-19 spike was not satisfactory as its affidavit painting a rosy picture was at variance with the ground reality.

The observation came during a suo motu hearing on the pitiable state of healthcare infrastructure during the second wave of Covid-19. A bench of justices Vikram Nath and Bhargav D Kaira remarked that it was not happy with the current situation. "Corporation cannot have a policy contrary to the government.

Justice Karia told the Gujarat government that it cannot sit in an ivory tower and decide. "If there is a pressing matter, you file an application at midnight, we will hear it. Why can't 108 ambulances go to other hospitals? 108 was on a first come first serve basis, we had ordered that critical patients should be attended. A line of 40 ambulances is waiting outside hospitals," the court said.

The court said that there was a projection for 0.5 million patients. "What are you planning? How are you preparing? In Rajkot, hospitals are saying bring oxygen to get admitted," the Court said.

State bags 12 National rural governance awards

Chhattisgarh received 12 awards under the Rashtriya Panchayat Puraskar-2021 instituted by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. PM Narendra Modi transferred the prize money to the accounts of winning panchayats in a virtual ceremony held in New Delhi. Kondagaon district panchayat, Gariyaband and Tilda janpad panchayat and 7 Gram panchayats, including e-panchayats, have been conferred the national award under different categories. This is the second consecutive year when 12 awards were bestowed upon panchayati raj institutions of Chhattisgarh for their outstanding work

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Pradesh Youth Cong revamped with focus on future

Chhattisgarh Pradesh Youth Congress has been revamped by promoting young office bearers to hold newer roles and responsibilities. They were asked by the party's high command to work hard and dedicate their time and energy to strengthen the Congress. Former NSUI national secretary Gulzeb Ahmed, among the 70 newly-promoted members, is the only one to have been directly appointed as the general secretary of the state youth congress. "The new team will work to serve the interests of youngsters and address the issues concerning the youth," he said. As NSUI national secretary, Gulzeb had earlier served as in-charge of four states —Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Uttrakhand — during Assembly elections.

Jindal Steel supplies O_2 to six states

Amid an acute shortage of medical oxygen across the country, the Jindal Steel & Power Ltd (JSPL), which has the capacity of manufacturing 100 tonnes of oxygen daily, has been supplying the gas to six states—Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Delhi – for the past four days. The organisation is providing the oxygen from its units based in Angul and Raigarh. "During this Covid crisis we stand with the people of the country. JSPL will extend every possible cooperation," said Navin Jindal, the Chairman. Other industresial organisations are now coming forward with their support on oxygen supply

BJP leaders stage virtual sit-in protest

Whoever said that work-from-home model could not work for politicians! Singed by criticism that their party campaigns in poll-bound states was a super spreader, the BJP here found a way to stay in the reckoning while being an effective Opposition. The party leaders staged a sit-in, but with a twist; theirs was a day-long virtual sit-in. Images and videos of BJP leaders Raman Singh, Brijmohan Agrawal and others sitting at home in protest against the government's failure to contain the spread of virus did the rounds on social media. It seems politics, too, is reconciling itself to the changing times

NO SURPLUS VAX DOSES TO SEND TO INDIA NOW: UK

London: The United Kingdom is currently moving through its domestic priority lists for Covid-19 vaccines and therefore has no surplus doses to share with countries in need such as India at this stage, Downing Street said on Tuesday.

ONTARIO TO GET MILITARY HELP TO DEAL WITH PANDEMIC SURGE

Toronto: The government of Ontario will be getting help from Canada's military in dealing with a surge of coronavirus infections, while several other Canadian provinces are tightening health restrictions in hopes of avoiding a similar situation.

Human Rights Watch accuses Israel of committing crimes of 'apartheid'

Israel foreign ministry says the rights group's report amounted to a 'propaganda pamphlet'

JERUSALEM

HUMAN Rights Watch (HRW) said on Tuesday that Israel is committing the crime of "apartheid" by seeking to maintain Jewish "domination" over Palestinians and its own Arab population, an explosive allegation Israel firmly rejected.

Currently under investigation by the International Criminal Court for alleged war crimes, Israel blasted HRW's accusations as "preposterous and false", accusing the New York-based rights group of having "a long-standing anti-Israeli agenda".

Palestinian Authority prime minister Mohammad Shtayyeh welcomed the "remarkable" HRW report and said he hoped it might lead the international community to "bear its responsibilities" and hold Israel "accountable for its crimes."

The 213-page report finds that the Israeli government is the "single authority" with primary control "over the area between the Jordan River and Mediterranean Sea".

That area includes the occupied West Bank, the blockaded Gaza Strip, annexed east Jerusalem as well as all the territory within Israel's 1948 borders.

Within that territory, there is "an overarching Israeli government policy to maintain the domination by Jewish Israelis over Palestinians," HRW said.

The rights group pointed to Israeli policies targeting Palestinians that include movement restrictions, land confiscation, forcible population transfer, denial of residency rights and suspension of civil rights.

Israeli security forces disperse Palestinian protesters outside the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem's Old City | AFP

HRW said while apartheid was initially coined with respect to institutional persecution of black people in South Africa, it is now a universally recognised legal term.

An apartheid system is defined by "inhuman acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over any other racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them," according to the Apartheid Convention.

Israel's foreign ministry told AFP the HRW report amounted to a "propaganda pamphlet" from an organisation that has been "actively seeking for years to promote boycotts against Israel". Israel maintains it is a democracy where the 20 per cent Arab minority enjoys full rights, including voting, but Arab citizens complain of systemic discrimination. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

MYANMAR

Guerrillas capture government's base, airstrikes follow

Ethnic Karen guerrillas said they captured a Myanmar army base on Tuesday near the border with Thailand, representing a morale-boosting action for those opposing the military's takeover of the country's civilian government in February. Myanmar's military staged airstrikes several hours later on villages in territory controlled by the Karen forces, said a guerrilla spokesman, a senior Thai official and a relief worker. A spokesman for the Karen National Union, the minority's political group seeking greater autonomy from Myanmar's central government, said its armed wing attacked the base at 5 am and burned it down just after dawn. Casualty figures were not yet known, the KNU's head of foreign affairs, Padoh Saw Taw Nee, said in a text message. There was no immediate comment from Myanmar military.

CHINA

FM holds Covid coop meet with 5 South Asian nations

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Tuesday hosted a virtual meeting of his counterparts from some South Asian countries to deal with the Covid-19 situation during which he proposed flexible methods for "diversified and stable" vaccine supplies. Wang presided over the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh to discuss Covid cooperation to firm up its influence in South Asia. India, Maldives and Bhutan were conspicuously absent at meeting.

SRI LANKA

Easter Sunday attacks: Ex-minister, brother to be detained for 90 days

Arrested former Sri Lankan minister Rishad Bathiyudeen and his brother would be detained for 90 days under the stiff anti-terrorism law to conduct further probe into their role in allegedly aiding and abetting the suicide bombers responsible for the deadly 2019 Easter Sunday attacks, police said on Tuesday. Rishad, a former minister of Industry and Commerce and the leader of a minority Muslim party that is part of the main Opposition party, the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), and his brother Riyaj Bathiudeen were arrested on April 24 from their respective residences. "They were arrested after the scrutiny of bank accounts, cheque transactions and communication lines," the senior deputy inspector general and police spokesman Ajith Rohana said.

EXPRESS READ

Time world extended aid to India, says UN

United Nations: Expressing worry over the surging Covid cases in India, the UN General Assembly president said it is time for the world to extend help and support to the country, which had supplied crucial vaccines to vulnerable nations. "I'm worried about the'#COVID19'situation in India, a country which did so much to ensure'# Vaccines4All'in vulnerable countries. It's time for the world to extend aid & support to India. No one's safe until we're all safe," Volkan Bozkir tweeted on Tuesday.

Protest in Chad against military transition

N'Djamena (Chad): Thousands of people protested and two people were killed in Chad on Tuesday in demonstrations against the rule of a transitional military council headed by the son of the late President Idriss Deby Itno, who was killed last week. Those killed in violence surrounding the protests include a man shot dead in Moundou, in southern Chad, and another person who died in the capital, according to local reports.

Swiss to vote on same-sex marriage

Geneva: Switzerland will hold a referendum on legalising same-sex marriage, the government confirmed on Tuesday. Switzerland is one of the few remaining countries in Europe where same-sex marriage is not legal. The Swiss parliament had approved a bill in December allowing same-sex marriage.

In US, vaccinated can now go out sans masks

NEW YORK

US HEALTH officials say fully vaccinated Americans don't need to wear masks outdoors anymore unless they are in a big crowd of strangers, and those who are unvaccinated can go without a face covering outside in some cases, too.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the updated guidance on Tuesday in yet another carefully calibrated step on the road back to normal from the Covid outbreak that has killed over 570,000 people in US. For most of the past year, the CDC had been advising Americans to wear masks outdoors if they are within 6 feet of each other.

The change comes as more than half of US adults have gotten at least one dose of coronavirus vaccine, and more than a third have been fully vaccinated. "It's the return of freedom," said Dr Mike Saag, an infectious disease expert at the University of Alabama at Birmingham who welcomed the change. "It's the return of us being able to do normal activities again. We're not there yet, but we're on the exit ramp. And that's a beautiful thing."

More people need to be vaccinated, and concerns persist about variants and other possible shifts in the epidemic.

But Saag said the new guidance is a sensible reward following the development and distribution of effective vaccines and about 140 million Americans stepping forward to get their shots.

The CDC, which has been cautious in its guidance during the crisis, essentially endorsed what many Americans have already been doing over the past several weeks. The CDC guidance says that fully vaccinated or not, people go maskless in small outdoor gatherings with fully vaccinated people.

FACTORS: SLOWDOWN, MIGRANTS' RETURN

In the past decade, researchers have said that the deep, year-long economic slump from the 2008 financial crisis contributed to the slowdown, with a lower birth rate and with many Mexican migrants returning to their country

In addition, after he became president in 2017, Donald Trump sought to sharply cut legal immigration and halt illegal immigration completely

US marks slowest population growth since Great Depression

US population growth fell over the past decade to the second-slowest pace in history, the Census Bureau reported on Monday

331,449,281 million people lived in the world's third-most populous country on April 1, 2020, the official 10-year count estimated

7.4% rise from 2010, when the official population stood at 308,745,538

The 10-year expansion was significantly slower than the previous decade, when the population grew by 9.7%, and was barely above the record low of 7.3% over 1930-1940, when the United States and the world were mired in the Great Depression

18.4% growth in Utah

Heavily desert Utah in the west had the fastest growing population of the 50 states, gaining 18.4%, while mountainous West Virginia in the east fell by 3.2%

The Census Bureau only released the broad numbers for the country and individual states on Monday, to serve as a basis for reapportioning seats in the 435-member US House of Representatives

In all, 13 states will either gain or lose seats, with California, the largest by population, losing one of its 53, while Texas, the second-largest, adding two to its current 36. *AFP*

Move to ban face coverings gets approval in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO

SRI LANKAN Cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal to ban all forms of face coverings in public places, citing a threat to national security. However, wearing face masks to combat Covid-19 is allowed.

The move came weeks after Minister of Public Security Sarath Weerasekara signed a paper in March, seeking the approval of the Cabinet to ban burqas.

The Cabinet has decided to ban all forms of face coverings in public places, Cabinet spokesperson and information minister Keheliya Rambukwella told reporters here, without specifying burqas. "All forms of face covers are a threat to national security," he said.

The covering of the full face will automatically include burqa and niqab. *PTI*

SOMALIS FLEE HOMES FEARING FRESH VIOLENCE AS PRESIDENT LOSES SUPPORT

MOGADISHU

CIVILIANS fled their homes in the Somali capital, fearing more clashes over President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed's bid to stay in power, which drew criticism on Tuesday from key political allies.

Mogadishu residents piled televisions and mattresses into rickshaws, or loaded belongings onto donkeys as the city remained on a knife's edge, with government and opposition troops boosting their military presence in different parts of the capital.

Mogadishu is witnessing its worst political violence in years after February elections were delayed and the president earlier this month extended his mandate for two years.

Months of UN-backed talks failed to overcome the election impasse, and the dispute turned violent Sunday as forces loyal to the president traded gunfire with fighters allied to his political rivals, leaving at least three dead.

In a blow to the president, best known by his nickname Farmajo, the leaders of two federal states who have until now supported him, rejected the extension of his mandate and called for elections to be held.

Another ally, Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble, welcomed the statement from the states of Galmudug and Hirshabelle and also called for "the acceleration of fair and free elections." *AFP*

Residents flee their homes after recent clashes between the Somali security forces and the military force supporting anti-government leaders, in Mogadishu | AFP

Partners in Iran nuclear deal to 'speed up' talks

VIENNA

PARTIES to the Iran nuclear agreement on Tuesday decided to "speed up" talks in Vienna, Tehran said, to revive the tattered accord. The remaining partners to the 2015 deal have been engaged in negotiations since early this month to try to bring the United States back onboard.

Delegates from Britain, China, France, Germany, Iran and Russia met for less than two hours to kick off the third round of EU-chaired negotiations in a Vienna luxury hotel, according to diplomats.

"During the meeting the participants decided to speed up the process of talks," Iran's foreign ministry said in a statement.

Iran has refused to negotiate with the US directly, but US delegates are staying in an adjacent hotel and are being regularly updated by EU negotiator Enrique Mora's team in a round of shuttle diplomacy. "Back in Vienna for the JCPOA Joint Commission, experts discussions and separate contacts with US in this third week of talks to advance on our objectives: US rejoining the JCPOA and full implementation of the deal," Mora wrote on Twitter, using the acronym of the agreement's formal name.

A police officer patrols in front of banners put up by the National Council of Resistance of Iran – an Iranian opposition group – in front of Grand Hotel Wien during the closed-door nuclear talks with Iran in Vienna on Tuesday | AFP

The 2015 accord aimed to give Iran sanctions relief in exchange for a curtailment of its nuclear programme, but the deal started to unravel in 2018 when then US president Donald Trump rejected it.

In retaliation to the US reimposing sanctions, Iran has started to step up its nuclear activities since 2019. Tehran has insisted on its readiness to return to its nuclear commitments once it is sure of sanctions relief, and US President Joe Biden has said he is ready to revive the agreement.

Negotiators have lauded progress in the talks, but warn there is still a long way to go and details need to be worked out. *AFP*

Explosive-laden 'drone' boat targets Saudi port

DUBAI

A remotely piloted boat packed with explosives targeted the Saudi port of Yanbu in the Red Sea on Tuesday, the kingdom said, with the blast sending black smoke into the sky off the coast.

Saudi Arabia claimed to have intercepted and destroyed the attack boat. However, private security firms suggested commercial traffic near the port may have been hit in the assault. Details remained scarce, but the incident comes after a series of attacks on shipping in the wider Mideast region amid a shadow war between Iran and Israel and against the backdrop of ongoing negotiations between Tehran and world powers over Iran's tattered nuclear deal.

The incident also comes amid the kingdom's years long war against Yemen's Houthi rebels. However, the rebels did not immediately claim any assaults on Tuesday.

The state-run Saudi Press Agency quoted Saudi military spokesman Col Turki al-Maliki saying the port was targeted by the drone boat. *AP*

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PWP&IWTD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/2020-21/403 Date:27.04.2021

Short Term Tender Notification

1) Name of Work : Executive Engineer PWD Division Invites tender for the (03) Works under KKRDB for indent No 136333, 136761,136630. 2) Estimate cost : Min Rs. 127.52 Lakhs Max Rs. 207.01 Lakhs. 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class I & above. 4) Pre bid Meeting : 11.05.2021 (11.00 Hrs). 5) Last date for quries : 12.05.2021 (17.30 Hrs). 6) Last date for Submission of bid :13.05.2021 (16.00 Hrs). 7) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : 15.05.2021 (16.30 Hrs) 8) Date of opening of Financial Bid : 17.05.2021 (11.30 Hrs). 9) Enquiries : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi. 10) Note : GST Will be Paid Separately. 10) Website : www.e-proc.Karnatak.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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In reference to the publication of Tender cum auction for sale under SARFAESI Act, 2002 published in the newspapers, The New Indian Express (English) on April 21, 2021 for the auction cum sale of secured asset/assets located at Site No 544, Block-III, Banashankari VI Stage, Bangalore-560085 admeasuring an area of 2352 Sq. Ft. due to default in repayment of dues by Borrower **Mrs. Varalakshmi B H having Home Loan A/c Nos. LBHAS00000350075.** It is hereby notified that said auction for sale which is scheduled on May 12, 2021 stands cancelled till further notice.

Date: April 28, 2021
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
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Date: April 28, 2021
Place: Tumkur

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SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Only through e-procurement)

MC&A Ltd. invites separate tenders (4 Nos.) through e-Procurement portal as per KTPP Act, 1999 from reputed Nationalized Banks to quote competitive rate of Interest for investment of Company's surplus funds in Fixed Deposit. Documents can be accessed from e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl. No.	Tender Nos.	Last date & time for submission of tender	Opening date & time of tender
1	MC&A/F&A/FD/02/2021-22	06.05.2021 4.00 p.m.	07.05.2021 4.30 p.m.
2	MC&A/F&A/FD/03/2021-22	10.05.2021 4.00 p.m.	11.05.2021 4.30 p.m.
3	MC&A/F&A/FD/04/2021-22	11.05.2021 4.00 p.m.	12.05.2021 4.30 p.m.
4	MC&A/F&A/FD/05/2021-22	12.05.2021 4.00 p.m.	13.05.2021 4.30 p.m.

The management has the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereon.

Sd/- Managing Director

ZILLA PANCHAYATH
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, KOPPAL

NO.EE/RWS/Dn/KPL/Tender/2020-21/182 Date: 23/04/2021

E-PROCURMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System)

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & sanitation Division, Koppal Invites e-Tender for Jal Jeevan Mission. The eligible bidders are requested to submit the Bid in Double Cover System through e-procurement mode through portal http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

General Information:
1) Contractor should Submit the Tender Bid Documents Through Online Only.
2) All Documents Should be Scanned and Upload during the period of Applying Tender through Online Only.
3) EMD Amount Should be Submitted Through Online Only
4) Two Cover Tender Called.

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Tender Processing Fee : As Per E-Procurement
Tender Period : 6 Months
If Any Quarries / Downloading Date : **01/05/2021 Time: 11:00**
Tender Accepting Last Date and Time : **10/05/2021 Time: 16:00**
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No.: EE1(Lakes)/TEND/04/2020-21 Date: 26-04-2021

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION)

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer-1 (Lakes), BBMP, invites proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing Consultant for Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the works detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Cost of the Project (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Emergency work at Haraluru Lake	100.00
2	Emergency work at Kasavanahalli Lake	50.00
3	Emergency work at Kaikondrahalli Lake	100.00
4	Emergency work at Sarakki Lake	100.00

Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit Declaration form as specified in the Tender Document as per G.O. No.: FD 675 Expenditure-12/2020 Dated: 22.12.2020.

Calendar of Events: **(1)** RFP Documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **27.04.2021. (2)** Date of Pre-bid meeting: **04.05.2021 at 4.00 PM at the office of The Chief Engineer, Lakes. (3)** Date of submission of bids through e-procurement portal: **11.05.2021 upto 4.00 PM. (4)** Date of opening of Technical Bids: **13.05.2021 at 4.30 PM at above office.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಂ. ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/61/12/2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–04–2021

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸನ್ 2020–21, ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯ ಅನುದಾನ, ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/ HDMC/ಇತರೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿಯ (SC) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು
(1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115638 ರೂ. **30.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115116 ರೂ. **6.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114337 ರೂ. **33.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (4) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114463 ರೂ. **28.50** ಲಕ್ಷ (5) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114309 ರೂ. **10.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (6) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114228 ರೂ. **49.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (7) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114102 ರೂ. **18.80** ಲಕ್ಷ
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡದ (ST) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು : (8) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114338 ರೂ. **15.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (9) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114546 ರೂ. **28.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (10) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114100 ರೂ. **16.20** ಲಕ್ಷ
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು : (11) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114110 ರೂ. **23.90** ಲಕ್ಷ (12) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–107050 ರೂ. **13.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (13) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115984 ರೂ. **28.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (14) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115985 ರೂ. **46.50** ಲಕ್ಷ (15) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115538 ರೂ. **15.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (16) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114733 ರೂ. **15.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (17) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114735 ರೂ. **30.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (18) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114734 ರೂ. **25.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (19) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115130 ರೂ. **12.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (20) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115369 ರೂ. **41.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (21) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114376 ರೂ. **27.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (22) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114312 ರೂ. **18.75** ಲಕ್ಷ (23) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114547 ರೂ. **46.50** ಲಕ್ಷ (24) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115428 ರೂ. **48.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (25) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–111471 ರೂ. **19.50** ಲಕ್ಷ (26) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114311 ರೂ. **49.50** ಲಕ್ಷ (27) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115429 ರೂ. **49.88** ಲಕ್ಷ (28) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–101341 ರೂ. **10.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (29) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114548 ರೂ. **22.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (30) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114545 ರೂ. **10.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (31) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114188 ರೂ. **39.75** ಲಕ್ಷ (32) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114115 ರೂ. **22.35** ಲಕ್ಷ (33) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114108 ರೂ. **24.20** ಲಕ್ಷ (34) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114105 ರೂ. **26.20** ಲಕ್ಷ (35) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114187 ರೂ. **9.95** ಲಕ್ಷ (36) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–114549 ರೂ. **64.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (37) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115639 ರೂ. **148.00** ಲಕ್ಷ

ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅವಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಚೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : **0836:2213834** ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http:/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿ : **28–04–2021** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 37 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಸಂಭಾವ್ಯ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **30–04–2021** ರಂದು ಮು. 11.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01 ರಿಂದ 37 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **05–05–2021** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01 ರಿಂದ 35ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ರ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 36 ರಿಂದ 37ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **06–05–2021** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 36 ರಿಂದ 37ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **10–05–2021** ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಂತರದ ಅನುಕೂಲಕರ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು (ಉತ್ತರ),
ಹು–ಧಾ.ಮ. ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/79/2021–22

THE HOTEL INDUSTRIALISTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

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POSSESSION NOTICE
See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

(1) Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. N Chandrahas S/o N Nagappa No.534, "Sri Neelakanteshwara Nilaya", Geddalahalli Gramatana, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560094.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.19,77,957/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven Only) **as on 31/01/2021** and interest thereon.

Branch: Balepet **Demand Notice Dated : 11/02/2021** **Possession Notice Date: 26.04.2021**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the House property No.534, (Old No.66, Katha No.42), PID No.100-636-534, situated at Geddalahalli Gramatana, Sanjaynagar Ward No.100, Bangalore-560094 and measuring on the East to West 9.14 Mtrs. and on the North to South 12.19 Mtrs. in all measuring 111.42 square Meters. Bounded By: East: Property belongs to Annapurana, Arathi and Aruna, West: House of Mr. Dinakar Shetty, North: Road, South: House of Ramaiah.

Built up area: About GF=AC Sheet roof 480 sq. ft. + RCC Roof=480 sq. ft.

2) Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. Suresh Billava No.902, 9th Floor, Golden Grand Apartment, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore-560022 **Also at:** M/s. Vruksha Playwood Manufactures Proprietor Mr. Suresh Billava, No.8/6, Kunigel Road (Service Road), NH-48, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural District-562123 **2) Mr. Vivekananda Kini,** No.6, Jaladarshini Layout, R M V Extension, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560094, **3) Mr. Ramesh Billava** S/o Shesha Poojary No.23, Samrudhi, 2nd Cross Road, Kirloskar colony, Sathyanarayana Layout, Shankar Mutt Road, Bangalore-560079 **4) Mr. N Thimmappa** S/o Late Narayana No.43/B, 10th Cross, 19th D Main, Rajajiangar, Bangalore-560010.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.3,64,13,002/- (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Four Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Two Only) as on **31/01/2021** and interest thereon.

Branch: Mathikere **Demand Notice Dated : 04/02/2021** **Possession Notice Date: 26.04.2021**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Factory Shed and Machineries and other related fixtures installed in the place located at the premises bearing Sy. No.8/6, Kunigel Road, (Service Road) NH-48, Nelamangala-562123, Bangalore Rural District. Machinery Details 1. G Thermal System – Boiler (Fluid Heater) 2. Poly Mech Industries – Hot Press 3. Poly Mech Industries – Scissor Lift 4. Poly Mech Industries – Glue Spreader 5. Generator 200 KVA 6. National Engineering Industries – Drier 7. Jai Modula – Panel Processing Machinery 8. Jai Modula-Edge Bonding, Vacuum Membrane Press, Dust Collector Multi Boring 9. Jai Modula- Pneumatic Clamp 10. Jai Modula – Nova Panel Saw, CNC Router, Dust Collector 11. Jai Modula – Band Saw, Polaner, Bland Grinder, Basic Copy Lathe, Planomax, Surface Planer, Tenomac-S.

ITEM NO.I: All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing No.23, PID No.16-34-23, situated at 2nd Cross Road, The Malleshwaram Tailoring Co-Operative Society Ltd., Layout Basaveshwaranagar, Kamalanagar, Ward No.16, Bangalore-560079 and measuring East to West 53 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1590 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Property bearing No.13, West: Road, North: Property bearing No.22, South: Property bearing No.24. **Built up area: About SF+GF+FF+SF=1000 sq. ft. for each floor with RCC Terrace Roof**

ITEM NO.II: All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing No.5/2, (BDA No.45) PID No.14-14-5/2, situated at 9th Cross Road, 1st 'N' Block, Rajajinagar, Nagapura Ward No.14, Bangalore-560010 and measuring East to West 22 ft. and North to South 36 ft., in all measuring 792 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Property bearing No.44, West: Property bearing No.46, North: Road, South: Site / Conservancy. **Built up area: About GF+FF+SF+TF=792 Sq. ft. for each floor + Terrace Roof=200 sq. ft. with RCC Framed Structure.**

ITEM NO.III: All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing No.448, situated at 4th Block, Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout, Bangalore and in measuring on the East to West 15 meters and on the North to South 24 meters, in all measuring 360 sq. meters (i.e. 3875 sq. ft.) inclusive of all amenities. Bounded By: East: Property bearing No.447, West: Property bearing No.449, North: Road, South: Property No.445.

ITEM NO.IV : All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing No.12, (Old No.255) PID No.14-14-12 situated at 9th Cross Road, 1st N Block, Rajajinagar, Nagapura Ward No.14, Bangalore-560010 and in measuring on the East to West 30 ft. and North to South 32.50 ft. in all measuring 975 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Property bearing No.254 and 256, West: Road, North: Portion of the property bearing No.255, South:Property bearing No.255/A, **Built up area: About GF+FF+SF+TF=975 Sq. ft. for each floor with RCC Framed Structure.**

ITEM NO.V: All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing No.42, (Old No.6) PID No.4-79-42, New PID No.035-W0069-10, situated at Venkateshwara Extension, (Chikkamaranahalli Grama) Mathikere Ward No.4, Bangalore-560054, and in measuring East to West 30 ft. and North to South 40 ft., in all measuring 1200 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Property bearing No.7, West: Property bearing No.5, North: Road, South: Water Kaluve Road. **Built up area: About GF+FF=2100 Sq. ft. with RCC Roofing.**

3) Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. K Vadivelu S/o Kannan No.418/3, 1st Main Road, New Binny Layout, Binnypet, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.23,29,772/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Two Only) as on 31/01/2021 and interest thereon.

Branch: Balepet **Demand Notice Dated : 11/02/2021** **Possession Notice Date: 26.04.2021**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing No.5/3, PID No.30-42-5/3, situated at Dr. T.C.M. Royan Road, Sri Krishna Rajendra Market, Ward No.30, Bangalore-560053. and in measuring on the East to West 25 feet and North to South 16.50 feet, in all measuring 412.50 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Common Parking Passage & Dr. T C M Royan Road West: Property belongs to Sri K Harish Kumar, North: Sri Sanjeevappa's Children's Property and 3.5 feet common passage South: Sri Inayathulla's Property and 5 feet common passage. **Built up area: About GF+FF=400 sq. ft. for each floor, with RCC Framed structure.**

Date : 26.04.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd.

ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ಜೆ.ಎಲ್.ಬಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು – 570005, ದೂರವಾಣಿ/ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 0821–2420624

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪ್ರಾ/ಅಅ/ಪಿಬಿ/ಟಿಎನ್/01/2021–22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.04.2021

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ **ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರನ್ನು Empanelled ಮೂಲಕ ನೇಮಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.** ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15.05.2021ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಸಮಯವನ್ನು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **17.05.2021ರ 16.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ಸಹಿ/– ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600 001
Branch Office: Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45 & 45/1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560 027.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13[2] OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

You, the under mentioned Borrower / Mortgagor is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needles to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Name and Address of the Borrower/s and Co-Borrower	Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding	Description of the property/ Secured Asset
Loan Account No. X0HLHSO00001591585 1.VANI M 2.GOPI A Both residing at : No. E-8, Kammasandra, Chandapur Circle, Bangalore South - 560100.	**Rs. 20,00,000/-**	**22.03.2021 & Rs.27,29,963/- as on 10.03.2021 with further interest thereon.**	In Zuzuvadi Village of Hosur Taluk , Krishnagiri District , Krishnagiri Registration District , Sub Registration District of Hosur and also attached to the Village Panchayat limits of Zuzuvadi Village and union council of Hosur . Sy . No. 710 in this UDR Sy . No. 710/1 Dry Ext.Hec . 0.35.0 , Asst . Rs . 0.75 in this New Sub Division Sy . No. 710 / 1A land has been divided into House Sites in Which Plot No. 1 in this land and there on construction building bounded as follows : East : Sy . No. 710 / 1B land belongs to Mr. S. Paul , West : Plot No. 2 , North : 20 Feet Layout Road , South : Sy . No. 711/1 land . Measuring : East to West On the North Side : 40 Feet, East to West On the South Side : 40 Feet, North to South On the East Side : 30 Feet , North to South On the West Side : 30 Feet , Totally measuring an extent of 1200 Sq. ft land The Plot comes New Sub Division Sy . No. 710 / 1A5.
Loan Account No. X0HLBNA00001896175 1.KRISHNAMURTHY V 2.SUMA N Both residing at : No. 6, 3rd Main 1st Cross, Hoysala Nagar, Bangalore, Bangalore - 560016.	**Rs. 29,00,000/-**	**22.03.2021 & Rs.33,42,718/- as on 10.03.2021 with further interest thereon.**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.6, formed in property No.89, Situated at Horamavu, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike limits, Banglore: Measuring : East to west: 25 Feet and North to south: 40 Feet, Totally measuring 1000 Square Feet, and Bounded On : East by :Site No.5, West by : Site No.7, North by : 20 Feet wide Road , South by : property belong to A.Muniraju.
Loan Account No. X0HLBNA00002160617 1. BABU K B 2. SAVITHA K Both residing at : #13, 10th Cross, MRS layout, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore North - 560091.	**Rs. 25,00,000/-**	**22.03.2021 & Rs.31,17,817/- as on 10.03.2021 with further interest thereon.**	All that piece and parcel of Western Portion of House bearing No.03, Portion of property No.104 , Assessment No.85/4, Situated at Sreegandakavalu Grama, Yashwanyhpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk BBMP ward No.73, Bangalore. Measuring : East to west: 20-0 Feet and North to south: 30-0 Feet, Totally measuring 600 Square Feet, and Bounded On : East by :Remaining portion of site No.3(Eastern Portion), West by : Road, North by : Road , South by : Site No.2, Together with ground floor 6 Square, First Floor 6 Square, Second floor 6 Square total 18 Square, RCC roofing House with civic amenities thereon.
Loan Account No. X0HLBNA00001494555 1. ARUN KUMAR S 2. FATHIMA MARY J Both residing at : No.18, Renuka Devini Layam, Na Babusapalya, Ground Floor, Near Gowri School Bangalore 560043. **MANIKANDAN SARKUNAM** No.53, 9th Cross, Ramachandra Layout, Kariyanapalya, Lingarajpuram, Bangalore – 560084.	**Rs. 32,00,000/-**	**22.03.2021 & Rs.64,85,349/- as on 10.03.2021 with further interest thereon.**	All that piece and parcel of Flat No. 106, first floor, measuring 1526Sq.ft of super built up area in SLA Northbrooke along with 414.91Sq.ft of undivided share in Southern portion of property bearing portion of present BBMP Khatha No.66/98/4, converted Sy.No.98/4 converted vide bearing ALN.SR.No.286/2004-05, situated at Rachenahalli Village ,K.R.Puram Hobli Bangalore East Taluk , Bangalore. Presently comes under the limits of BBMP and bounded on: East by :Road formed in Land belong to Sampigehalli Ramaiah, West by: Land belong to Kempa MMA, North by : Remaining portion of same property bearing present BBMP Khatha No.66/98/4, converted Sy.No.98/4, South by: Land belong to Ramachandrappa.

Date : 28.04.2021
Place: Bangalore

AUTHORISED OFFICER
Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

Bank of Baroda

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J.C. Road Branch,
Bengaluru
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DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER AND GUARANTORS
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

To,
1. **Sri Krishna P** S/o Papanna (Deceased)No 18, P. P Lane, New Thigalarpet, S.P Road, Bangalore - 560002 (Applicant ,Mortgagor & Guarantor) **Also at : Sri Krishna P** , S/o Papanna (Deceased), No 72, B. Block, J. C. R Market, Bangalore – 560002 (Applicant ,Mortgagor & Guarantor)
2. **Sri Gopi K** S/o Krishna P., No 18, P.P Lane, New Thigalarpet, S.P Road, Bangalore - 560002 **Also at : Sri Gopi K** S/o Krishna PNo 72, B.Block, J.C.R Market, Bangalore - 560002 (Co-Applicant)
3. **Sri.K. Mani** S/o Krishna P, No 18, P.P Lane, New Thigalarpet,Bangalore–560002,And also at:No 72, B Block, J.C.R Market,Bangalore - 560002
4. **Sri.K. Manjunath** S/o Krishna P, No 18, P.P Lane, New Thigalarpet, Bangalore–560002. **And also at:** No 72, B Block, J.C.R Market, Bangalore - 560002 (Guarantor)
5. **Sri.K.Shabari** S/o Krishna P., No 18, P.P Lane, New Thigalarpet, Bangalore–560002, **And also at:** No 72, B Block, J.C.R Market,Bangalore - 560002 (Guarantor)
6. **Sri Sunil Kumar** S/o Srinivas K, No 18, P.P Lane, New Thigalarpet, Bangalore–560002, And also at No 72, B Block, J.C.R Market,Bangalore - 560002 (Guarantor)

Dear sir/s

Re: Credit facilities with our J.C. Road Branch.

1. We refer to our letter No. BRO:RBD:383:2006 dated 13.06.2006 conveying sanction ofvarious credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanctionyou have availed and started utilising the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature and type of facility	Limit (Rs)	Rate of Interest (at present)	O/s as on (inclusive of interest up to 31.03.2021)	Security agreement
Term Loan (73830600000979)	Rs. 42.74 Lakhs	9.90%	Rs.18,40,032.17	Mentioned below

Brief Description of securities	**Schedule Property :** All that piece and parcel of residential house at Plot bearing No 27/ 11/02, Earlier Tavarekere 2nd Cross, BMP Ward No 66 measuring East to West 90 feet and North to South 40+31/2 totalling 3195 Sq Ft and building consisting Cellar Floor + Ground Floor + First Floor + Second Floor, Bounded by: East by: Tavarekere Main Road, West by: Property belongs to Motappa,North by: Property belongs to Motappa,South by: Property belongs to C.Chandrappa

(For mortgage of property it may be stated that Mortgage of properties located at the address mentioned above)

2. In the letter of acknowledgement of debt dated __________you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of Rs.18,40,032.17 . The outstanding stated above (para1) include further drawings and interest up to 31.03.2021. Other charges debited to the account are Rs.____/-. (Or)
3. As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstanding for the quarter ended March 2021.
4. Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has beenclassified as non-performing asset on **31.03.2021** in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
5. Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating Rs. 18,40,032.17 as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rightsunder sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.
6. Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in Para 1above for each credit facility until payment in full.
7. We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you arebarred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above byway of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance withthe above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offencepunishable under section 29 of the Act.
8. We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.
9. Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not beconstrued as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, includingwithout limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing tous.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 03.04.2021

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
Authorised Officer

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NOTICE TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

'At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **Bank of Baroda, Hanumantha Nagar Branch, Bangalore,** The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Shri Baddity Pradeep S/o. B. Israil, Aged about 37 years, **2) Smt. Kondepogu Pravallika** W/o. Baddity Pradeep, Aged about 22 years, **Both are having address:** No.13, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Surabhi Nagar, Jambusavari Dinne, J.P. Nagar, 8th Phase, Bengaluru — 560076. **Guarantor: Shri G. Ramakrishna** S/o. G.S. Narasimha Rao, Aged about 36 years, **Address:** No. 586, 2nd B main, 2nd Stage, 11th Block, Near BGN Public School, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore - 560072.

Nature and type of facility	Limit (Rs. In lakh)	Rates of Interest	O/s as on 03.04.2021 (inclusive of interest upto 31.03.2021)
Housing Loan	Rs. 70.00	8.80% p.a. (Floating)	Rs. 77,53,976.11

Amount Outstanding : Rs.77,53,976.11 (Rupees seventy Seven Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six And Paisa Eleven Only) as on **03.04.2021** (inclusive of interest upto **31.03.2021**) and other Charges

NPA Date : 29.12.2020 **Demand Notice Date : 03.04.2021**

Security agreement with brief description of securities: Security Agreement: Registered EMDTD vide Regn. No. KEN-1-01026-2019-20, dt. 10.05.2019 and Rectification of above EMDTD vide Regn. No. KEN-1-01769-2019-20, dt. 03.06.2019.

Schedule 'A' Property: (Description of Property) All that Piece and parcel of Survey No.6/4, New Survey No.6/11, measuring to an extent of 0-3.04 Guntas, situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Conversion order bearing No.ALN(S.U)S.R.203/2011- 2012, dated 17.08.2012, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, having BBMP Khatha bearing No.2411/Sy.No.6/4, and the converted land bearing Sy.No.6/9. new Sy .No.6/12, measuring to an extent of 0-13 guntas, situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Conversion Order bearing No. ALN (S) (U) SR/2011-2012 dt. 25-08-2011, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, having BBMP Khatha bearing Number 2410/Sy.No.6/9 after clubbing the item No.1&2 property. New Khatha Number is 2411/Sy.No.6/4 & 6/9 which is totally measuring to an extent of 0-16.04 Guntas and bounded on: East by: Land bearing Sy. No.6/8, West by: Land bearing Sy.No.6/1, 6/2, 6/3, 6/4, North by: Road, South by: Gottigere BDA Layout,

Schedule 'B' Property: (Description of undivided share of land) 336 Sq.ft. of Undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property mentioned above.

Schedule 'C' Property: (Description of Apartment) All that piece and parcel of Apartment bearing No. 208, BBMP Khatha No.1874/208SF on the Second Floor, having a super built up area of 1290 Sq.fts., together with Three Bed Rooms, one covered car parking space in the basement in the residential apartment building known as "Bhanu Elegance" constructed on Schedule 'A' Property with cement blocks, RCC Roofing, vitrified flooring, Sal Wood doors with aluminum windows, inclusive of proportionate share in all the common area mentioned above and entitled to all the common benefits.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 26.04.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

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Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.55,66,734/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Four Only)** as on **13-09-2020** together with further interest to be charged from **14-09-2020** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. Cariappa M.C., S/o. Chittiappa M.K., No.52/53, HAF Post, Kaveri Layout, Dasarahalli, Hebbal, Bangalore - 560 024. No.2) Mrs. Gangamma, W/o. Chittiappa M.K., No.52/53, HAF Post, Kaveri Layout, Dasarahalli, Hebbal, Bangalore - 560 024. No.3) Mr. Chittiappa M.K., S/o. Kanumbaiah, No.52/53, HAF Post, Kaveri Layout, Dasarahalli, Hebbal, Bangalore - 560 024.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. Cariappa M.C., S/o. Chittiappa M.K.)

SCHEDULE - A

All that piece and parcel of Residentially converted land vide conversion order BDS.ALN.SR.(S)229/2003-04, date : 29-10-2003 by Special Deputy Commissioner in Sy.No.116/1 situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk measuring 1,01,227 square feet and bounded on the : East by : Private property, West by : Manipal County, North by : Road, South by : Private property.

SCHEDULE - B

An undivided share of 509 Sq.Feet comprised in Schedule - A Property

SCHEDULE - C

Flat bearing A-509 in Fifth Floor of the building complex know MALIBU ENCLAVE being constructed on the Schedule - A Property consisting of 2 bedrooms having Super built-up area of 1,273 Sq.Feet, East by : Staircase and OTS, West by : Driveway, North by : Corridor, South by : Corridor and Staircase. Situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk.

Reserve Price : Rs.43,00,000/-
(Rupees Forty Three Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
26-05-2021	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Jaya Nagar Branch,** No.126, 33rd Cross, 11th Main, 4th Block, Near A.V.R. Swarna Mahal Signal, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011. Telephone Nos.080-26639771, 080-26639772. Cell Nos. 9343130500, 9341010605.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Jaya Nagar Branch, No.126, 33rd Cross, 11th Main, 4th Block, Near A.V.R. Swarna Mahal Signal, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: **Telephone Nos.080-26639771, 080-26639772. Cell Nos. 9343130500, 9341010605. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date : 26-04-2021 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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Vishweshwaraiah Layout Branch, Bangalore

NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

To, Borrower: M/s Vinayaka Agro, Rep by Its Prop:Nikita Patil & Mrs Nikita Patil, 99/3,Sompura Hobli W/o Siddarth Patil, Bilenakote,Nelmangala Taluk, Bangalore -562 111 Also at No.166/A,9th Cross,12th Main Road, D Group Layout, Srighandakaval, Bangalore-560 091. Guarantor: Mr.Siddarth Patil, No.684,5th Cross, Upkar Layout,Ullal Main Road, Bangalore-560 056. Also At: No.166/A,9th Cross, 12th Main Road,D Group Layout, Srighandakaval,Bangalore-560 091

Dear Madam/Sir,

Re: Credit facilities with our Vishweshwaraiah Layout Branch.

1. We refer to our letter dated 08.09.2017 & 05.11.2018 conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction you have availed and started utilising the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature and type of facility:	Limit (Rs.)	Rate of Interest	O/s as on 09.04.2021 (Rs)
Term Loan (74650600000365)	50,00,000	MCLR 1 Year +3.20 Floating Present applicable Rate 12.70%	37,44,062.08
Cash Credit (74650500000031)	2,00,00,000	MCLR ear+2.95% Floating Present applicable Rate 12.30%	6,32,56,502.58
BG/LC	5,00,00,000		
FITL–COVID Loan (74650600001008)	44,80,829/-	12.30%	47,81,586.00
		Total	7,17,82,150.66

Security agreement with brief description of securities: EQUITABLE MORTGAGE All that Part and parcel of Residential House Property of Land & Building bearing Site No:166A,formed in Survey No.25/2,situated at SRIGANDHADHAKAVAL VILLAGE, Yeshwanthapurahobli,Bangalore North Taluk Land Area :1365 sft

Building Built up area:5109sft standing in the name of Nikita Patil

(Details of Immoveable Property): All that Part and parcel of Residential House Property of Land & Building bearing Site No:166A,formed in Survey No.25/2,layout formed with approval of the layout plan vide resolution No.6/2000,dated 09.06.2000,by the Bangalore Development Authority in the Karnataka State "D" Group Employees Central Association Layout, situated at SRIGANDHADHAKAVAL VILLAGE, Yeshwanthapura Hobli,Bangalore North Taluk,now comes under jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Katha Serial No.1551,Site No.166 A, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Sub-zone, Ward No.129,Bangalore,measuring East:30-0(Thirty),West:30-0(Thirty)feet,North:44-0(Forty Four)South:47-0(Forty Seven)feet, total area measuring 1365 Square feet along with 11 square R.C.C Roofed House in the Cellar,11 Square R.C.C Roofed House in the Ground Floor,11 Square R.C.C Roofed House in the First Floor,11 Square R.C.C Roofed House in the Second Floor and 11 Square and R.C.C Roofed House in the Third Floor 11 totally 55 square Building with Granit flooring cement and bricks used for the construction, Teak wood used for the doors and windows ,with all civic amenities . The Property is standing in the name of Nikita Patil. Boundaries : East by: Site No.210-A, West by: Road, North by: Site No.167-A, South by: Site No.165-A

2. In the letter of acknowledgement of debt dated 05.11.2018 you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of Rs. 2,33,33,034.15/- as on 05.11.2018,which includes interest upto 31.10.2018.The out standings stated above include further drawings and interest upto 31.10.2018.

3. As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstandings for the quarter ended March 2021. You have also defaulted in payment of instalments of term loan/demand loans which have fallen due for payment on 29.02.2020 and thereafter.

4. Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on 31.03.2021(mention date of classification as NPA) in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.

5. Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating Rs. 7,17,82,150.66 as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.

6. Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.

7. We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.

8. We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.

9. Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

BEFORE THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL COURT AT BENGALURU. (CCH-42)
O.S.No.7158/2018

BETWEEN:
Central Bank of India, Kodigehalli Branch, No.20, Near Venugopala Flour Mill, Kempegouda Nagara Road, Virupakshapura, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru-560097. Represented by its Chief Manager M. Ramachandra Raju. **(Plaintiff).**

Vs

Smt. Nagarathna (Defendant)

To,
Smt. Nagarathna, Aged about 41 years, W/o. Sreeramaiah, D/o. Chikka Venkataiah, No.2, Govindappa building, Rajagopala Nagara, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560058.
Also at: Smt. Nagarathna, Aged about 41 years, W/o. Sreeramaiah, D/o. Chikka Venkataiah, E 115/B, Laggeri, Rajagopala Nagara, Bengaluru-560058. **...DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed above mentioned suit against you for recovery of **Rs.4,46,450.52ps (Rupees Four Lakhs Forty Six Thousands Four Hundred Fifty and Paise Fifty Two Only)** together with future interest from 13/09/2018 @10.10% per annum on monthly rests together with penal interest of 2% PA over and above the contractual rate of interest till its realization.
Therefore, you are hereby warned to appear before XLI Addi. City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-42/XLII) court, Bengaluru either in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the **25th day of June, 2021 at 11 'o clock** in the forenoon to show cause against the said suit failing which the said suit will be heard and detennined Ex-parte in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on this **16th day of April, 2021 .**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- Asst Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Eashwar Prasad B., Advocate
No.612, 2nd Floor, Chandra Building, Avenue road, Bengaluru-560002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule below from its owner, Mr. E.Vijayendranath, son of E.sundaram, residing at #467-A, 1st H Cross, 6th Block, 2nd Phase, B S K 3rd stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560085.

Any person/s having any right, title, interest, lien, charge or claim whatsoever in, upon or to the Schedule property or to any portion thereof, by way of any easement or under agreements, arrangements, lease, trust, inheritance, gift, partition, bequest, possession, mortgage, exchange or under any deed/instrument easement or however otherwise, may submit his/her/its/their objection/s, claim/s, in writing to me at the under mentioned address, through Registered post, along with the supporting documentary evidence, within 10 days of the issuance of this notice, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.544, in Bhavani Nagar Layout, formed by the RAILWAYMEN'S HOUSE BUILDING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED in Survey Nos. 66/1 to 8, 69, 71, 81/1, 2, 4, 5, 87/4 to 20, 88/1 to 14, 88/16 to 21, at MALLATHAHALLI VILLAGE, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 60 Feet and North to South : 40 Feet, in all measuring 2400 Sq.Ft. and bounded on :-

ON THE EAST BY : Road;
WEST BY : Site No.533;
NORTH BY : Site No.543;
SOUTH BY : Site No.545;

L. MANJUNATH, Advocate,
No.193, 7th 'E' Main, 7th Cross,
RPC Layout, Vijaynagar 2nd Stage,
Bangalore - 560 040
Mobile No.: 9060046505

VEERASHAIVA SAHAKARI BANK LTD.,

Administrative Office : No. 1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040
Phone : 23307070 / 23358017 Fax : 23148550
E-mail : vsbbengaluru@gmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For immovable Property) [rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** Administrative Office No.1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040 under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002** and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice. The borrower has failed to repay the loan amount & interest, availed from our **Branches.**

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rule.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the respective properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** No. 1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040.

Description of the Immovable Property

1. **Name & Address of the Borrower** : **Sri Kiran Krishna Reddy** S/o Late Kondaiah Proprietor **M/s Southern Innovation Technology,** No. 6, 12-182, Guru Nanjundaiah Industrial Area, Lakshmipura Main Road, Chikka Banavara Post, Bangalore 560 090 residing at : 'Srirama Nilaya", 6th Main, Opp SRS Building, Kammagondanahalli, Jalahalli West, Bangalore-560 015
Name & Address of the Guarantor : **1) Smt Lakshmi Prasanna** W/o Kiran Krishna Reddy residing at above address
Loan A/c No. : **(1) MCHLN 1 & (2) MTLN 10080 (Rajajinagar Branch)**
Balance Outstanding : **1) in the name of M/s Southern Innovation Technology, towards principle due Rs. 47,54,287/-** (Rupees fourty seven lakh fifty four thousand two hundred eighty seven only) **and towards interest and other charges due Rs. 6,25,753/-** (Rupees six lakh twenty five thousand seven hundred fifty three only) **and 2) in the name of Sri Kiran Krishna Reddy** S/o Late Kondaiah **towards principle due Rs. 99,05,037/-** (Rupees ninty nine lakh five thousand and thirty seven only) **towards interest and other charges due Rs. 14,79,228/-** (Rupees fourteen lakh seventy nine thousand two hundred twenty eight only) as on 23-04-2021 and further interest & other charges as applicable.
Date of Demand Notice : **08-01-2021**
Possession taken on : **23-04-2021**
Description of the Immovable Property : **As Mentioned in Annexure 1, 2 and 3**
Note : The Bank has sent respective Possession Notice through Registered Post on 23-04-2021 to the Borrower & Guarantor.

2. **Name & Address of the Borrower** : **Smt. Prabha R.** W/o Dr. Girish M.S. No. 24, 1st Cross, Ranganathapura, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560 079
2A.Name & Address of the Guarantor : **Sri T.M. Rangegowda** S/o. Late Motegowda residing at above address
Loan A/c No. : **MTNL / 403 (Vijayanagar Branch)**
Balance Out Standing : **Principle due Rs. 2,60,32,956/-** (Rupees two crore sixty lakh thirty two thousand nine hundred fifty six only) and **Interest & other charges due Rs.39,42,289/-** (Rupees thirty nine lakh forty two thousand two hundred eighty nine only) as on 20-04-2021 & further interest & other charges as applicable.
Date of Demand Notice : **30-07-2018**
Possession Taken on : **21-04-2021**
Description of the Immovable Property :
(1) All that part and parcel of the Property bearing No. 10, Assessment No. 7, Property No. 1265, Malagala Village, Rajarajeswari Nagarasabhe, Yeshwanthapura, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,
Measuring East to West : 70.00 Feet, and North to South : 32 feet, Totally 2240 Sq Feet, in the name of Borrower and bounded by :
East by : Road
West by : BDA Property
North by : Site No. 9
South by : Site No. 1
2) All that part and parcel of the Property bearing No. 9, PID No. 36-138-9, 1st Main Road, Ranganathapura, Kamakshipalya, Ward No. 36, Bangalore 560 079
Measuring East to West : 66-6 Feet, and North to South : 40 feet, Totally 2660 Sq Feet, in the name of Borrower and bounded by :
East by : Syndicate Bank Employees House Building Society Property
West by : Road
North by : Private Property
South by : Private Property
Note : The Bank has sent respective Possession Notice through Registered Post on 22-04-2021 to the Borrower & Guarantor. Wherein the Boworrower and Guarantor has denied to accepect the Notice.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore-560 040

Bangalore
Date : 27-04-2021

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD.

BRANCH : HDFC HOUSE, No.29, KAMARAJ ROAD, NEAR CIRCUIT HOUSE, COIMBATORE - 641 018
TEL: (0422) 4301154, 4301157 FAX : (0422) 2222530 CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916 Website: www.hdfc.com

Auction Sale Notice of 15 days of subsequent Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" Condition and with encumbarances if any basis as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) as the case may be, indicated in Column (A) under Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.HDFC.Com or visit at Branch : HDFC House, No.56/4, 1st Floor, MSRK Tower, Bharathi Park, 2nd Cross, Saibaba Colony, Coimbatore - 641 011.

S.No	Name/s of Borrower(s) and Address	Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	Description of the Immovable Property	Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest money deposit (Rs.)	Date(s), Time & Place of OpeningTender(s)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1	**Mrs KAVITHA V Mr VISHNU DEEPAK S** No: 94/48, Kannan Nivas, Jawaharlal Nehru Street, Modern Theaters, Sundar Garden, Salem-636008. **(Address common for both above)**	**Rs.44,89,748/- as on 31.03.2021***	All part and parcel of immovable property bearing Flat/Apartment No-302 admeasruing 1077.50 Sq.fts on the 2nd floor in Block 7, 3BHK along with common area and facility attributable thereto and includes one car parking No-14 in the stilt floor in the project known as "Thyme Park" situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Flat/ Apartment approved by the Anekal Planning Authority bearing No APA/ LAO/42/2007-08 dated 29.03.2011. **Boundaries:** East by : Open Space, West by : 6'ft Corridor, North by : Open Space, South by : Flat No-304	Physical possession	**Rs.26,00,000/-**	**Rs.2,60,000/-**	**19.05.2021 (Wednesday) at 12.30 PM (Coimbatore)**

- **Inspection date & Time prior appointment to be taken.**
- **Minimum Bid increament amount Rs.20,000/-**
- **EMD amount submission on or before 18.05.2021 before 5.00 P.M**

* together with further interest from **01.04.2021 @ 18%** p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.

NOTE: To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date : 26.04.2021
Place : Coimbatore

Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020.

AUTHORISED OFFICER
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD.

Union Bank of India

STRESSED ASSET MANAGEMENT VERTICAL
"Jeevan Sampige" [LIC Building], 1/1, Ground Floor, 2nd Main Road, Near Mantri Mall, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560 003

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]
Notice of 15 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the proviso of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Bengaluru** concerned branches/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is" basis,** on **18.05.2021, 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM** for recovery of the dues mentioned below together with future interest and legal/other expenses due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. Last date for submission of EMD On or beforethe commencement of e-auction. The Reserve Price for Property, the earnest money deposit (EMD) are given below,

S.L	Name and Address of the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor	Amount due	Reserve Price EMD Amount	Description of immovable secured assets to be sold
1	**(1) M/s. Ayurwin Pharma Pvt Ltd** #73/B, 73/C, 73/D Karib Sab Layout, Srigandakaval Village, Peenya 2nd Stage, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore–560 091 **Alternate Address: M/s. Ayurwin Pharma Pvt Ltd,** No. 1094, 19th Main, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560 010 **Guarantors: 1) Mr. Shivakumar P B,** S/o P Byregowda, No. 1094, 2nd Floor, 19th Main, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560 010, **2) Mrs. Swetha P R,** W/o Mr. Shivakumar P B, No. 1094, 2nd Floor, 19th Main, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore–560 010	**Rs. 10,05,27,189.25/-** (Rupees Ten Crore Five Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine and Twenty Five Paise Only) as on **31.10.2020**)	**Reserve Price Rs. 6,55,00,000 lakhs. EMD Amount Rs.65,50,000/- lakhs**	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.238 and Municipal Corporation No. 277/238, carved out of Survey Nos. 73/B, 73/C and 73/D, situated at Srigandakavalu, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now known as Byregowda Industrial Estate, within the administrative limits of ward No.70 of BBMP, Rajagopalnagara, Bangalore, together with an industrial building consisting of Ground and First floor constructed therein, having a total built up area of 8000 Sq ft and measuring East to West 90 feet and North to South 180 feet, totally measuring 16200 sqft along with all apputenenaces there to owned by SRI. P.B. Shivakumar. S/o. Sri. P.B. Byre Gowda and bounded as under. East by : Property of Sri. H.C. Byregowda, West by : Road, North by : 30ft Road, South by : Vacant Land (Private Property where a mobile/telephone tower is installed) The details of encumbrances, if any known to the secured creditor **-Nil**
2	**M/s. BOB Tech Solutions Pvt.Ltd.** No.3/4,1st Floor, Maruthy Towers Opp, Ayappa Temple, Hosur Main Road, Madivala, Bangalore-560068 **Also at:** M/s. BOB Tech Solutions Pvt.Ltd. No.201, Santa Clara, 3rd Floor, 6th Cross,100 Feet Road, ST Bed Road, Chandra Reddy Layout, Ejipura, Opp Road, of MTR Food,Koramangala, Bangalore-560095 **Guarantors: 1. Mr. Naveen Varadarajan** S/o Sri Varadarajan **2. Smt. Manjula K** W/o Sri Naveen Varadarajan Borth Residing at No.427,9th B main Road, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Bangalore-560043 **3. M/s Insatiable Technologies Pvt. Ltd.** Flat No.1-A, First Floor, Ganpat Court Apt, 100 ft. Road, HAL 2nd Stage, HAL Post Bangalore-560008	**Rs. 3,68,77,958.28** (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Eight Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Eight and Paisa Twenty Eight only) as on **21.01.2020**	**Reserve Price Rs.1,77,00,000 lakhs EMD Amount Rs.17,70,000/- lakhs**	All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land situated at Survey No.35/4, Khatha No. 415, property No.415, portion of old Re-Sy.No.35/1 & 35, of Pandithana Agrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore dist., measuring 1acre 2 guntas, together with 3 guntas of Karab land i.e., in all 1 acre 5 guntas, bounded on the: East by :Road, West by: Lands belonging to Ravindra, North by: Road, and South by: Lands belonging to Rathnamma The details of encumbrances, if any known to the secured creditor **-Nil**

The aforesaid property/ies will be sold by "Online The Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **www.mstcecommerce.com** on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp and Click "Buyer Guide for Login and Registration" For auction related queries e-mail to sarfaesi@unionbankofindia.com or contact Union Bank of India, SAMV Bengaluru, throgh Mail Id: **samvblr@corpbank.co.in, samvbangalore@unionbankofindia.com** and also the Branch Manager **Mr.Prabhu R,** AGM for ascertaining the details of auction and inspection of property, **Contact No.80503 79749**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 23.04.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India, Bangalore.

LOST

I, Shivakumar.B.S, Residing at No. 20, 7th Cross, Ramakrishna Nagar, JP Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078, would like to inform the general public that I have lost my property documents, rectification deed document No.**1101 & 1225/74-75,** dated: 31.03.1979 and rectification deed dated 28.04.1986. Have Filed the Lost Report with Bengaluru City Police bearing Lost Report No.**098913/2021,** Dated:26/04/2021.
If anybody found kindly report to the nearest Police Station.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client Smt.Roopa Pradeep, aged about 50 years, W/o R.C.Pradeep, residing at No.18/01, 11th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru has lost the original sale deed dated 10-8-2006 registered as Document No.YAN-1-11085-2006-07, in Book-1, stored in C.D.No.YAND218, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru in respect of the property bearing residential vacant site No.4, Assessment No.26, Katha No.26/4, situated at Byalkere Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South on the eastern side 35 feet and on the northern side 36 Feet, totally measuring 1065 Sq.Ft. In this regard my client has filed a complaint before the Vyalikaval Police Station on 14-12-2008 itself.

It is requested that anybody who finds the same may kindly handover the same to the undersigned.

Sri NAGARAJA .S, Advocate,
No.104/2, 1st Floor, Magadi Main Road,
Govindarajanagara, Bengaluru 560 040.
Mob No. 94493 06039
Place: Bangalore Date: 27-4-2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our client, **Mrs. SANTHOSHI ALEXANDER W/o. Mr. Raju** is intending to purchase the **"Schedule Property"** mentioned hereunder from **Mrs. G.NIRMALA W/o. Mr. G.SRINIVAS REDDY.** Any Person/s, Banks, Financial Institution., etc. objecting for the proposed sale or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the **"Schedule property"** are hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the advocate mentioned herein failing which our client shall proceed and complete the Sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No.3, Site No.4, and Site No. 5** all formed out of Property No.210, situated at **Shree Venkatadri Layout, Kannur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** each measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring **1200 square feet (3600 square Feet)** and bounded on the: **East by : Site No.02, West by : Site No.06, North by : 25 feet Road, South by : Private property.**

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845846428
Bangalore Date : 28-04-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is an Agreement holder for purchasing residential vacant site bearing No. 266/A, situated at Banashankari 6th Stage, 11th Block, in a Layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority. Site measuring East to West 18 Mtrs and North to South 12 Mtrs in all measuring 216 Sq. Mtrs. Bounded on

East By : Sites bearing Nos. 260 & 261.
West By : Road.
North By : Site bearing No. 267.
South By : Site bearing No. 266.

from Mr. B. N. Raghu, aged about 43 years, S/o. Mr. M. N. Nanjappa, residing at No. 22/2, 3rd Cross, Azadnagar, Bangalore - 560 018.

Any person having any right, title, interest and claim whatsoever in and over the Schedule property or any liability, may lodge their claims/ objections with documentary proof with the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, otherwise my client shall proceed to complete the Sale transaction as if there are no subsisting claims or objections and that all such claims or objections not filed in time shall be deemed / presumed to have been waived and shall not be binding on my client.

Sd/ **B. B. UMADEVI**, Advocate,
No. 715, 1st 'C' Main, 8th Block, 8th Block,
Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 070.
Mob. 9343281627 Date: 27th April 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to General Public that my client **Ravi Kumar .N** is intending to purchase the House Property No. 12, Old Katha No. 21/48, BBMP Katha No. 136/21/12 which is described in detail in the schedule situated at Konanakunte Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk is intending to purchase under mentioned schedule property from S. Shivakumar, Residing at No. 28, Sharath Nivas, 2nd Cross, Canara Bank Road, Konankunte Cross, Bengaluru-560062. If any person or persons, Banks, Societies, firms, Company or anybody having any right, title, interest, claim, objections whatsoever in respect of the above said property may lodge their objections, claims, in writing with the undersigned along with supporting Documentary evidence for such claim within 10 days from the date of Publication of this Notice. If any objections or whatsoever issued or replied beyond 10 days shall not be consider and our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims and to complete the sale transaction by execution of sale deed.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 12, Old Katha No. 21/48, BBMP Katha No. 136/21/12, situated at Konanakunte Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560 062 measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South 25 feet in total 875 square feet with RCC building at Ground and First Floor and ACC sheet house of second floor and bounded on **East by:** Property of N. Beerappa, **West by :** 20 Feet Road, **North by :** Property of Beera Sanjeevappa, **South by:** Road.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the land bearing New Survey No. 37/5 (Old Survey No. 37/2) totally admeasuring 1 Acre 26 Guntas, (converted under two Official Memorandums for extents measuring 1 Acre 12 Guntas and 14 Guntas), situated at Bhoganahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk:

East by : Land bearing Survey No. 37/2
West by : Land bearing Survey No. 36
North by : Land bearing Survey No. 37/3 and Survey No. 38
South by : Land bearing Survey No. 37/4 .

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(For immovable Property) [rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** Administrative Office No.1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040 under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002** and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice. The borrower has failed to repay the loan amount & interest, availed from our **Kengeri Branch.**

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rule.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the respective properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** No. 1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040.

Description of the Immovable Property

1. **Name & Address of the Borrower**	: **M/s Super PVD Technologies (P) Ltd.,** No. B-211, Khatha No. 69, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, Industrial Estate Peenya, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 058
Name & Address of the Guarantor	: **1) Sri Devadasan Raju Fernando** S/o Raju Fernando, No. D-801, Usha Garden Chs Ltd., Ahimsa Marg, Chincholi Bunder, Malad (West), Mumbai-400 064 **2) Smt Jenifer Sagayam Fernando** W/o Sagayam Raju Fernando, No. B-201/202, Vasanth Galaxy, B-Wing, Neptune Eastern Ceramic Complex, Near Bangur Nagar, Goregaon (w) Mumbai - 400 104 **3) Sri Sagayam Raju Fernando** S/o Raju Fernando, No. B-201/202, Vasanth Galaxy, B-Wing, Neptune Eastern Ceramic Complex, Near Bangur Nagar, Goregaon (w) Mumbai - 400 104 **4) Sri Jayanth S. Angadi** No. 85, 1st floor, 8th Cross, Doddanna Industrial Estate Hegganahalli, Vishwaneedam Post Bangalore - 560 091
Loan A/c No.	: **MTNL / 6 (Kengeri Branch)**
Balance Outstanding	: **Principle due Rs. 1,04,98,836/-** (Rupees one crore four lakh ninety eight thousand eight hundred thirty six only) and **Interest and other charges due Rs.9,05,718/-** (Rupees nine lakh five thousand seven hundred eighteen only) as on 22-04-2021 and further interest & other charges as applicable.
Date of Demand Notice	: **06-01-2021**
Possession taken on	: **22-04-2021**

Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the property bearing No. B-211, situated at Peenya 2nd Stage of Peenya Industrial Area within the limits of Nelakaderanahalli, Yeshvanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Now at 5th Main Road, 2nd Cross, Peenya Industrial Estate, B B M P Ward No. 41, **Measuring East to West : 32.25 Meters and North to South 16.00 Meters in all measuring 516.00 Square Meters with vacant land, Shed, Building together with 99 HP Power and civic amenities and bounded on the following boundaries:**

East : 5th main Road
West : Shed bearing No. B-264
North : Service Road,
South : Shed bearing No. B-212

Note : The Bank has sent respective Possession Notice through Registered Post on 22-04-2021 to the Borrower & Guarantor.

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Authorised Officer
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LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

This is to inform the general Public that the customer of the undersigned Bank of India, Bangalore Main Branch, K.G. Road, Bengaluru. Shri. N Habib Rehman alias N Sheik Ahmed, resident of Bannergatta Road, Bengaluru, having availed home loan in respect of his property at No.30. KG-154 in 2nd Phase, HBR Layout with area measuring 55.75 square metres had mortgaged the original Sale Deed, Register Book No.1, BNS-1-01807-2007-08 registered on 27-08-2007, with Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi, Bengaluru. This Sale Deed along with 13 other related documents and papers are now found to be missing. Regarding this, on behalf of the bank, the authorised officer has filed a Complaint with Upparpete Police Station, Bangalore. The Public is hereby informed that the Sale deed and related documents should not be misused and in case it is misused, it will not be applicable to our Bank or our Customer mentioned above i.e. Shri. N Habib Rehman alias N Sheik Ahmed. Also, anybody transacting with the said property documents should be reported to the Bank or the nearest Police Station.

Sd/- CHIEF MANAGER
Bank of Inda, Bangalore Main Branch,
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Place: Bengaluru
Date: 23-04-2021

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Market Watch

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557.63 ▲	Sensex	48,944.1	₹14 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,580	₹100 ▲	Per kg	₹68,800	▼ Dollar		74.65
168.05 ▲	Nifty	14,653.05	₹14 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,480	₹0.10 ▲	Per gm	₹68.8	▼ Euro		90.07

Profit falls, but demand still steady: Maruti

The carmaker has reported a 10 per cent drop in net profit for March quarter largely due to rising commodity prices

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) on Tuesday reported a near 10 per cent year-on-year fall in net profit to ₹1,166 crore for the quarter ended March FY21 mainly on account of increase in commodity prices and lower non-operating income. MSIL, unlike other automakers, said it has not seen any noticeable impact of the second Covid-19 wave on its production and sales yet. Demand, it added, also "remains steady" currently.

"We are producing at full capacity, there is no shortage of anything and the labour is available," said R C Bhargava, chairman of Maruti Suzuki.

He added, "So far conditions are fine, even if some markets have shut down, there are enough markets which are open for us to sell what we produce. So far sales have not been impacted, we have been able to sell whatever we have produced and send out to the market." In the last one week, automakers such Hero MotorCorp, Toyota Kirloskar and MG Motor have decided to temporarily halt production at their facilities amidst rising cases of Covid-19 infection in India. MG on Tuesday said that its manufacturing plant in Halol, Gujarat will be shut for a week till May 5.

Maruti informed that the company has 1,280 active cases of the Covid-19 among its workers out of total of around 28,000. When asked, if the company will consider halting production like others, Bhargava said, "there are factors which we are watching as to how covid progresses, new restrictions come, what impact, all these things are issues which I think cannot be predicted." During the March-ended quarter, MSIL's quarterly sales in the domestic market stood at 4,56,707, up 27 per cent year-on-year. While the caremaker avoided predicting sales forecast for FY22 due to existing uncertainties, it said that demand for passenger vehicles will go up due to the second wave.

"The demand for personal mobility will strengthen further; it is not going to weaken. More and more people would now like to have personal transport," Bhargava said, adding that the bigger issue for them at the moment is maintaining a robust supply chain as the shortage of semiconductors remains an ongoing issue. The company is also monitoring closely the availability of oxygen for industrial use. "Maruti Suzuki uses very small amounts of gaseous oxygen. The oxygen situation is something we have to keep a close watch on as it is used by our vendors," he added.

So far sales have not been impacted, we are able to sell everything which we can produce and send out to the market

RC Bhargava, chairman, Maruti Suzuki

Axis Bank warns of slowing collection, receives ₹3,004 cr loan recast requests

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PRIVATE lender sector Axis Bank expects collections to slow down in the coming weeks as the second wave of Covid-19 sweeps the country, impacting movement of executives on the ground. While corporates are likely to adopt a wait and watch approach, the focus will be on employee safety given the sudden surge, its chief executive Amitabh Chaudhry said on Tuesday while addressing the media after the bank reported its financial results for the fourth quarter of FY21.

The lender reported a net profit of ₹2,677 crore in the quarter ended March 2021 as it returned to profit for this quarter. The bank had reported a net loss of ₹1,388 crore in year-ago period. It has also seen an improvement on the asset quality front. The gross non-performing assets (GNPAs), as a percentage of gross advances, increased to 3.7 per cent as of March 2021, from 3.44 percent as of December 2020. Net NPA also rose to 1.05 per cent from 0.75 percent in the same period.

Chaudhary added that the bank will look for growth opportunities in both secured and unsecured book and is confident of its provisioning buffer. "We would like to grow in our focus segments as we did in FY21. Our balance sheet is strong, we have taken provisions upfront and have more than decent buffers built in. We will be conservative on one side but also bold on the other," he added.

Axis Bank has received ₹3,004 crore worth loan recast requests under the Covid-19 resolution framework of which ₹623 crore is implemented so far, excluding MSME loans.

TVS Motor Company posts four-fold increase in net profit to ₹319 cr

NEW DELHI: TVS Motor Company on Tuesday posted nearly four-fold increase in its consolidated net profit to ₹319.19 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2021, riding on the back of robust sales in the domestic and international markets. The company had reported a net profit of ₹81.84 crore during the January-March quarter of FY20.

Revenue from operations rose to ₹6,131.9 crore in the fourth quarter from ₹4,104.71 crore in the same period of FY20, TVS Motor said in a regulatory filing. During the period under review, the company said its total two-wheeler and three wheeler sales across domestic and international markets stood at 9.28 lakh units, up 47 per cent from 6.33 lakh units sold in the fourth quarter of 2019-20. For the entire 2020-21 fiscal, the Chennai-based automaker posted a net profit of ₹607.5 crore as against ₹646.8 crore in the 2019-2020, which is a decline of 6.07 per cent.

Britannia Industries posts 3% drop in Q4 profit due to higher commodity prices

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LEADING biscuits manufacturer Britannia Industries on Tuesday reported consolidated profit at ₹360.1 crore for the quarter ended March 2021, a decline of 3.3 per cent year-on-year mainly due to rise in commodity prices. Consolidated total revenue from operations during the quarter under review stood at ₹3,130.75 crore as against ₹2,867.7 crore in the year-ago period, up 9 per cent.

"Despite the adverse conditions, we managed to deliver good results in terms of topline growth, profitability improvement and market share gains. During the last quarter of the year, we implemented three transformational digital projects — an Online Dealer Management System, an Integrated Vendor Management System, and S4 HANA," said MD Varun Berry. "We are confident that with all the core systems getting upgraded and integrated we are well poised to take our business efficiencies to the next level while leveraging the large amounts of data available to build business intelligence and analytics."

The company, said that it incurred higher expenses in the fourth quarter at ₹2,701.87 crore as compared to ₹2,488.88 crore in the corresponding period previous year. The cost of materials consumed stood at ₹1,532.35 crore during the quarter as against ₹1,307.97 crore in the corresponding period previous fiscal. Berry added that on the commodity cost front, packing material, palm oil, as well as dairy products registered steep increases, while strategic buying helped the company manage the cost increases in a better way.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

INFLATION TO BREACH TARGET AS NEW COVID PAIN HURTS

The Bank of Japan (BoJ) on Tuesday projected inflation will fail to reach its two per cent target during its Governor Haruhiko Kuroda's term, which ends in early 2023. It maintained its massive stimulus and projected inflation, missing its two per cent target for years to come, as fresh curbs to combat a spike in Covid-19 cases overshadowed the boost to growth from solid global demand. It also warned of high uncertainty on how much the pandemic could drag on growth, signalling its readiness to keep its money spigot wide open for the foreseeable future. It slightly revised up its growth forecast and stuck to its view that the world's largest economy would recover as robust US and Chinese demand underpins exports. However, it cut this year's inflation forecast and predicted for the first time that inflation would stay well short of its two per cent target beyond Kuroda's term ends.

SOUTH KOREA

TAX GAINS LIKELY FROM CRYPTOCURRENCY

South Korea's Finance Minister said the government will start taxing capital gains from trading of cryptocurrencies from next year as previously proposed. South Korea had earlier said it will begin taxing capital gains from cryptocurrencies starting January next year. Any annual gains of more than 2.5 million won or $2,253 from trading of cryptocurrencies will be subject to a 20 per cent capital gains tax. According to officials, cryptocurrencies are intangible assets and it was a misunderstanding to label them as currencies. They also warned that as trading of digital tokens were prone to new forms of illegal fundraising and fraud, investors should be vigilant when making investment decisions.

VIETNAM

ECONOMY SET TO GROW BY 6.3% IN 2021

The Vietnamese economy could grow by about 6-6.3 per cent in 2021, according to Pham The Anh, chief economist, Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy research. The report said the global economy has shown signs of recovery thanks to the availability of Covid-19 vaccines, but instability remains while growth is uneven among nations and economies. In Q1, Vietnam's economic growth was at 4.48 per cent, thanks to the government's drastic actions to control the pandemic from the early stage along with the signing of the EU-Vietnam FTA and the EU-Vietnam Investment Protection Agreement. Additionally, disbursement of public investment capital has been stepped up and progress of key public investment projects accelerated, while the wave of investment and trade is shifting to Vietnam helping maintain a stable macroeconomic environment with inflation under control.

NBFCs seek recast of retail loans, liquidity support

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NON-bank lenders have once again approached the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and urged the central bank to allow restructuring of loans in light of the fresh surge in Covid-19 cases. In a letter addressed to RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC), a body representing non-banks, sought to allow restructuring of customer loan accounts, even those restructured in covid wave one and now standard and standstill on buckets for restructured accounts for the first quarter of FY22.

Besides, FIDC has sought restructuring of loans to smaller lenders, with assets less than ₹500 crore and fresh liquidity support for on-lending to MSMEs. "Considering the severe second wave of COVID-19, the retail borrowers, including the MSMEs, as also the retail and wholesale trader industry shall be in urgent need of support from the lenders, to revive their economic activities," FIDC said requesting extension of the restructuring scheme till March 31, 2022.

It said the borrower accounts, irrespective of whether or not such accounts had been 'restructured' on any earlier occasion and which are 'standard' accounts as on March 31, 2021, may be allowed 'restructuring' without any downgrade in asset classification. FIDC urged RBI to allow standstill on buckets for restructured accounts for the first quarter of FY22.

The letter further said the only mode of borrowings for the smaller NBFCs (having asset size of less than ₹500 crore) is to raise term loans from banks, financial institutions like Sidbi, Nabsamruddhi and Nabkisan and large NBFCs.

"These smaller players do not have access to the capital markets and they do not issue bonds. We therefore submit that these small NBFCs may be given the benefit of getting their loans restructured. This shall ensure that these NBFCs remain eligible for further bank finance, there is no mismatch in their asset-liability position...," the FIDC said.

Additional support

FIDC has also requested to raise the overall outlay to AIFIs from ₹50,000 crore to at least ₹75,000 crore additional support exclusively to medium and small NBFCs, through SIDBI for a period of three years.

₹75,000 cr
Liquidity support for on-lending to MSMEs

₹500 cr
Asset size of most vulnerable NBFCs

Banks, NBFCs must appoint auditors for 3 yrs: RBI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday issued guidelines for appointment of Statutory Central Auditors (SCAs)/ Statutory Auditors (SAs) in commercial banks, urban co-operative banks and non-banking finance companies from FY22 onwards, whereby they will have to appoint SCAs/SAs for a continuous period of three years. However, UCBs and NBFCs will have the flexibility to adopt these guidelines from second half of FY22 to ensure that there is no disruption.

RBI guidelines regarding appointment of SCAs/ SAs will be implemented for the first time for urban co-operative banks (UCBs) and non-banking finance companies/NBFCs (including housing finance companies) from FY22. Non-deposit taking NBFCs with asset size (total assets) below ₹1,000 crore have the option to continue with their extant procedure. Commercial banks (excluding regional rural banks) and UCBs will be required to take prior approval of RBI for appointment or reappointment of SCAs/SAs on an annual basis. While NBFCs do not have to take prior approval. All NBFCs need to inform RBI about the appointment for each year.

For commercial banks, UCBs, and NBFCs, with asset size of ₹15,000 crore and above as at the end of previous year, the statutory audit has to be conducted under joint audit of a minimum of two audit firms [Partnership firms/Limited Liability Partnerships/LLPs]. All other entities have to appoint a minimum of one audit firm (Partnership firm/LLPs) for conducting statutory audit. Entities need to ensure that joint auditors are not under the same network of audit firms.

FISCAL SUPPORT

ADB provides $1.5 bn to India as Covid relief

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THE Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Tuesday said it has provided a fiscal support of $1.5 billion to India in support of the latter's pandemic response

This $1.5 billion aid to India formed part of the $16.1 billion that ADB had specifically set aside for pandemic response in 2020. "ADB's $16.1 billion pandemic response in 2020, through a $20 billion package announced in April 2020, was provided in various ways, most notably via a new Covid-19 Pandemic Response Option which had provided quick-disbursing fiscal support to 26 countries, including USD 1.5 billion to India, by the end of the year," it said.

Of the $16.1 billion, as much as $2.9 billion was for the private sector, which included direct support to companies, as well as through trade and supply chain finance to keep trade networks functioning. Broadly, ADB committed a record $31.6 billion to help Asia-Pacific.

Jio, Airtel unlikely to hike tariffs as stiff competition builds up

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TWO major telecom companies — Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio — are neck and neck in terms of active mobile subscriptions, and hence the industry is unlikely to see any unanimous tariff hikes in 2021-22, according to a Crisil Ratings report.

The agency pointed out that there is a close contest between the top two telcos, when one goes by active subscriber base with Jio's share at 33.7 per cent and Airtel's at 33.6 per cent.

"The active subscriber market share data indicates the top two players are neck and neck, with neither ready to bite the bullet and raise tariffs," it said. The build-up in competitive intensity also indicates that the industry is unlikely to see unanimous tariff hikes at least in the near term, limiting a large upside in average revenue per user (ARPU) in fiscal year 2022. However, a price war like the one seen before 2019 is unlikely and competition will be indirect in the form of tie-ups with smartphone manufactures low-cost phones, increased bundling of OTT content, etc.

The report said there is an universe of 250-300 million active non-4G subscriber base, which will be on the radar of the telcos for conversion to 4G users in order to increase revenues. 4G mobile data subscribers to rise to 820 million by the end of March 2022 higher than in the last fiscal. "The pandemic slowed 4G subscriber additions to 12 million in the June 2020 quarter, with smartphone shipments probing new lows. However, the March 2021 quarter would have been better because India's 4G subscriber base is expected to have risen to 710-720 million in fiscal 2021", the agency noted.

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EXPRESS READ

Govt allows biz to verify GST returns through EVC

New Delhi: The government has allowed businesses to verify through electronic verification code monthly GST returns filed till May 31 as offices remain shut due to the Covid-led lockdown. In a notification, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs said any registered person during the period from April 21, 2021, to May 31, 2021, will be allowed to furnish the return in Form GSTR-3B and details of outward supplies in Form GSTR-1 verified through electronic verification code (EVC).

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UNITED WE STAND

Global tech giants extend support to tackle Covid-19 crisis

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

A day after the US President Joe Biden announced lifting of embargo on vaccine raw material exports and helping India tide the deadly coronavirus wave, global tech giants have come forward to support India's fight against Covid-19. Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella said he was "heartbroken" and would help India with its shortage of oxygen supplies.

"I'm grateful the US government is mobilizing to help. Microsoft will use its voice, resources, and technology to aid relief efforts, and support the purchase of critical oxygen concentration devices," he said.

Similarly, Google head Sundar Pichai, who was born and schooled in the southern Indian city of Chennai, said he was devastated" by events and the firm would provide $18m (Rs. 135 crore) in funding. This includes two grants from Google.org, Google's philanthropic arm, totalling ₹20 crore ($2.6 million). The first is to GiveIndia to provide cash assistance to families hit hardest by the crisis to help with their everyday expenses. The second will go to UNICEF to help get urgent medical supplies, including oxygen and testing equipment, to where it's needed most in India. It also includes donations from our ongoing employee giving campaign — so far over 900 Googlers have contributed ₹3.7 crore ($500,000) for organizations supporting high-risk and marginalized communities," he said.

E-commerce giant Amazon on Tuesday also said that it will airlift 100 ICU ventilator units from the US into India , working in coordination with the country's ministry of health and family welfare. The e-tailer is also working with a non-for-profit organization of various Indian start-ups, ACT Grants to import over 8000 oxygen concentrators and 500 BiPAP machines from Singapore.

Facebook chief Mark Zuckerberg said the company is working with UNICEF and giving $10 million to emergency response efforts. Earlier, Apple CEO Tim Cook also expressed his concern and said it will donate to support efforts to fight Covid-19. However, Cook, at this stage, did not give details.

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E Tenders are invited for **"Supply of Manpower for Assistance at various offices of Kerala Rail Development Corporation Ltd."**

Tender No **KRDCL/1/2021** dated **23 April 2021**
Tender documents can be downloaded from **etenders.kerala.gov.in**
For more details visit **www.keralarail.com**

CORRIGENDUM

ICICI Bank | **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank limited, #4/10, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Tower, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

In reference to the publication of Tender cum auction for sale under SARFAESI Act, 2002 published in the newspapers, The New Indian Express (English) on April 21, 2021 for the auction cum sale of secured asset/assets located at Plot No -30 bearing Property no-152500900901220161 Khata no-399/30 measuring 111.41 Sq. mt. and Plot No 31 bearing Property no-152500900901220164; Khata no-399/31 measuring 110.86 Sq. mt., Taluk- Tumkur, Hobli- Kora; Gram Panchayat - Arakere; Village-Hosahalli due to default in repayment of dues by Borrower **Mr. Vijay Kumar K G having Home Loan A/c No. LBMYS00004564471.** It is hereby notified that said auction for sale which is scheduled on May 12, 2021 stands cancelled till further notice

Date: April 28, 2021
Place: Tumkur

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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MALALA YOUSAFZAI

MISSING

Ramani (Age 48), W/o Jagadeeshan, Mamoottil Padinjattathil Veedu, Kannimelcherry, Sakthikulangara is missing from 18/11/2020. In this connection a case in crime No.1637/2020 U/S 57(A) of KP Act was registered at Sakthikulangara Police Station. If any information obtained regarding the above person, please inform to the below mentioned phone numbers. **Identification marks:** 5" Height, **Complexion:** White, Short Hair. **Station House Officer, Sakthikulangara: 9497947131; SI of Police, Sakthikulangara: 9497980209; Police Station, Sakthikulangara: 04742770966**

722/F2/2021/I&PRD

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client **Mr.VENKATESH S/o LATE SAVALAPPA**, aged about 43 Years, Residing at: Midigarapali, Mathigiri Town, HCF Post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, he has lost original registered sale deed Vide registered document No.4135/1974, dated: 28.11.1974, registered in the office of Hosur Sub-register office, in respect of property bearing Sy. No.814, measuring an extent of 1 Acre 20 Cents and Sy. No.815-A, measuring an extent of 85 Cents, situated at ONNALAVADI VILLAGE, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District.

In this regard my client has also preferred a police complaint on 27/04/2021 before the Inspector of police, Hebbgodi Police station and the police taken complaint on file on 27/04/2021 in C-MISS No.507-1333/2021, that my client has not created any charge over the properties covered under the above said document. If found, the document may kindly be delivered to the undermentioned address, any objection from the concerned public will not be entertained or bind my client after 7 days from the date of this public notice.

VIKRAM .H.V, Advocate
No.7, 1st Floor, STB Complex, Near Civil Court, Attibele Road, Anekal Town, Bengaluru District.
Ph:98804 62590.

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IFT NO.HCMU/PUR/ EPROC /504/2021-22 **DATE: 21/04/2021**

INVITATION FOR E TENDER (IFT) TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER

HAMUL invites E-Procurement tender for 1) supply of the Fire Wood (Dry) Good Quality Niligiri/ Accasia/Surgi a) Hassan Main Dairy & UHT & Ice Cream Plant (b) Kudige Dairy (c) Channarayapatna, Arasikere, H.N.Pura Chilling Centre 2) Quantity & EMD amount : as per bid notification available in e-portal.3) **Last date for submission of tender: 06.05.2021. up to 5.00 PM.** 4) **Technical bid opening : 10.05.2021 at 3.00 PM.** 5) Address for communication : Purchase officer at the above address. 6) Tender document may be downloaded from website ***https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/.*** Tender No: ***KMF/2021-22/IND9031***

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru

Short Term Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tenders through E-procurement from the eligible contractors who are empanelled in KHB and also willing to empanel in KHB.

Name of work: Annual Maintenance in KHB Colony in Benakanahalli in Belagavi District.

- Tender Reference No. KHB / 2020-21 /OW/Work_Indent 810 & IFT No.29/2021-22 Date: 26.04.2021
- Amount Put to tender : **Rs. 25,14,561/-**
- Last date for submission of bid: **11.05.2021 upto 4.00 PM.**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board,
Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No. 080-22273511/ 080-22100077.
Website: www.khb.karnataka.gov.in, https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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1st corrigendum to Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P. (0) - 25 I 2020 - 21

The following changes are made to the work vide BID Identification No. CE-WBP (0)-25/2020 - 21

Modification in Critical Dates

- The Bids shall be received only on "on line" on or before 5.00PM of dt.28.04.2021.
- The Bids received on line shall be opened at **11.30 Hours on dt.29.04.2021.**

Modification in DTCN Clause No.06 & No.28 (iii)

- **Bid Security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)**
  The bidders are required to submit along with their BID, a "BID Security declaration" as per the Office Memorandum No.8943 dtd.18.03.2021 of Finance Department, Government of Odisha in lieu of Bid Security in the format annexed.

Additional Performance Security

(as per Office Memorandum No.4559 dtd.05.04.2021 of Works Department, Government of Odisha)

Additional Performance Security (APS) is being obtained from the Successful Bidder when the Bid amount is less than estimated cost put to tender to the extent of exact amount of differential cost i.e. estimated cost put to tender minus the quoted amount in shape of Term Deposit Receipt pledged in favour of Divisional Officer/Bank Guarantee in favour of the Divisional Officer from any Nationalized /Scheduled Bank in India counter guaranteed by its local branch at Bhubaneswar within seven days of issue of Letter of Acceptance (LoA) by the Divisional Officer (by e-Mail) to the successful bidder otherwise the bid of the successful bidder shall be cancelled and the Earnest Money Deposit/ Bid Security shall be forfeited. Further, proceeding for Blacklisting shall be initiated against the bidder as per amendment to Para 3.5.5 (v) of OPWD Code, Volume-I vide Works Department Office Memorandum No. 14459/W dated 20.09.2018.

In view of the above, the State Government is pleased to fix the following rate of Additional Performance Security;

Sl. No.	Range of Difference between the estimated cost put to tender and Bid amount	Additional Performance Security to be deposited by the successful bidder
i.	Below **5%**	No Additional Performance Security
ii.	From **5%** and above and below **10%**	**50%** of (Difference between estimated cost put to tender and Bid Amount
iii.	From **10%** and above	**150%** of (Difference between estimated cost put to tender and Bid Amount

All other terms and conditions are remain unchanged.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, World Bank Project, Odisha

OIPR- 34003/11/0001/2122

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that our clients Parvati Shankar Bhat W/o Sri. Late. Shankar Bhat and Sri. Akshay Shankar Bhat S/o. Late. Shankar Bhat, are negotiating to purchase the **Flat No. 304,** in Third Floor of Residential Apartment Known as "POORVI CHAMPIONS HEIGHT", property bearing BBMP KHATA No. 449 totally measuring 38 GUNTAS formed in Converted Sy.No. 72/2, situated at Haraluru Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bangalore. Any person/s, institutions having any objection for the proposed transaction of sale, and any claim in respect of the schedule property may lodge their objection/claim with necessary documents with the undersigned within **10 Days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which our clients will proceed to complete the sale transaction. Objections received thereafter will not bind on our clients whatsoever.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the **Flat No. 304,** in Third Floor of Residential Apartment Known as "POORVI CHAMPIONS HEIGHT", consisting of 2 bed rooms, a kitchen with utility, dining and living room with balcony, measuring 1,213 sq.ft. of Super Built-up area and one covered Car parking space in the stilt floor.

S. RAVISHANKAR and PRABHAKAR ASSOCIATES, Advocates
No. 210/3, 20th Main,
Near Siddalingeswara Theatre,
J.P. Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078.
Phone No. 9945152511 / 9945581970
Date: 26/04/2021

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka under taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, No.1 H.R.B.H.L.C Division, Gorur Hassan District-573120

e-Tender cancellation Notification
dated: 26.04.2021

This office e-procurement tender notification no 01/2021-22 dated:19.04.2021 and 02/2021-22 dated: 21.04.2021 stands cancelled due to technical and Covid-19 pandemic reasons.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
CNNL, No.1 HRBHLC Division, Gorur

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT. 2002

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 (the said Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules. 2002 (the said Rule) In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of said Rule, the authorized officer has issued Demand notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Co-borrowers, Guarantor/s to repay the loan amount mentioned in the respective demand notices issued to them. In connection with above notice is hereby given once again to all the parties to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s) amount dues on date of Demand Notice and Security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Loan Agreement No./Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Co-Applicant Name / Guarantor Name	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset(s) (immovable property/ies)
LXBAN00417-180062433 Muniswamy Rajashekar/ Siva Muniswamy	**28-Jan-21/ Rs.1456500/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lac Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Property Bearing Site No - 107, Katha No - 49, Sri Sai Samrudhi Badavane, Mantapa Jigani, Anekal, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560083
LXBAN00117-180051498 Krishna Mariyappa/ Yashaswini Krishna Krishna	**22-Mar-21/ Rs.211714/-** (Rupees Two Lac Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen Only)	Site No. - 151, Survey No - 3 & 4, Utc Oxygen City, Situated In Vartur, Narasimhapura Village, Thavarekere, Bangalore, Rural Karnataka - 562130

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFCL as aforesaid AHFCL shall proceed against the above secured assets Under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risk of the said Borrowers as to the cost and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFCL. Any person who contravenes or abates contravention of the provision of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and / or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 28.04.2021
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For Aspire Home Finance Corporation Ltd.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **SAMUEL**, S/o Peter Sellamma Perumal, residing at #442, 6th Cross, Ward No. 23, Ashraya Yojane, Hosur Main Road, Anekal, Bengaluru Rural Pin-562106 have changed my name to **SAMUEL PETER**, vide affidavit dated 27/04/2021, sworn before Notary **L. Gopalakrishna**, Benglaluru.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, Rajarajeshwari Nagara Zone, No. 144, 2nd Main, Jagajyothi Layout, Bengaluru - 560 056

No.: EE/KEN/TEND/01/2021-22 **Date: 27.04.2021**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

In Ward No.: 198 of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Rajarajeshwarinagar Zone, there is a requirement of construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in the limits of BBMP, Yeshwanthpur Assembly Constituency, Somanahalli Taluk Panchayat limits. It is intended to procure the items listed below for the said work. Interested builders / suppliers may submit their complete technical details and rates (each equipment / machineries) inclusive of applicable taxes and should reach the above mentioned Office address in person or in a cover on or before **05.05.2021**.

Name of Work: Comprehensive Development of UGD work in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Block of Somanahalli Village in Somanahalli Taluk Panchayath Limits

Description of Work	Qty
(1) Bar Screen Coarse and Fine: Quantity- 2 Nos., Spacing- 10mm, Angle of Inclination- 45 Deg., MOC- SS, Size- 1000x1200 MM, Make-Environ India. **Remarks:**	2
(2) Raw Sewage Transfer Pumps: Quantity- 3 Nos. (2W + 1S), Type- Submersible with Cutter type, Flow rate- 42 m3/hr, Discharge Pressure- 1.0 Kg/Sq.cm, Head- 10 to 12 Meter, Rating- 5.625 KW, MOC- CI, Shaft- SS, Make- CNP/ Wilo/Kirloskar, Phase- 3 Phase. **Remarks:**	3
(3) Air Blowers for Collection EQT SHT & PFT: Quantity- 2 Nos. (1W + 1S), Type- Twin lobe Compressor Type, Flow rate- 350 Cum/Hr, Pressure- 0.5 Kg/Sq.cm, Water Column- 5.0 MWC, MOC- CI, Drive- Belt Driven Type, Accessories- Base Frames, Air Filter for suction line and silencer for discharge, safety valve and pressure gauge, V-Belt, V-Belt Guard, Make- Everest/A1 Blowers/ Kay blowers, **Motor:** Motor Rating- 15 HP, Motor Make- ABB/KIRLOSKAR/ Crompton greaves. **Remarks:**	2
(4) Air Blowers for Collection SBR 1 & 2: Quantity- 2 Nos. (1W + 1S), Type- Twin lobe Compressor Type, Flow rate- 500 Cum/Hr, Pressure- 0.5 Kg/Sq.cm, Water Column- 5.0 MWC, MOC- CI, Drive- Belt Driven Type, Accessories- Base Frames, Air Filter for suction line and silencer for discharge, safety valve and pressure gauge, V-Belt, V-Belt Guard, Make- Everest/A1 Blowers/, **Motor:** Motor Rating- 12.5 HP, Motor Make- ABB/KIRLOSKAR/Crompton greaves. **Remarks:**	2
(5) Mechanical Decanting System: Pipe MOC- MS, Size- 10", Valve MOC- SS 304, Type-actuator, Qty- 1 Sets.	2
(6) Fine Bubble Diffusers: MOC- EPDM, Type- Tubular Type, Size Diffusers- 90 mm Dia X 1000 mm Long, No. of Diffusers- 420 Nos., Make- Scogen / SSI. **Remarks**	48
(7) Coarse Bubble Diffusers: MOC- PVC, Type- Tubular Type, Size Diffusers- 90 mm Dia X 760 mm Long, No. of Diffusers- 106 Nos., Make- Scogen / SSI. **Remarks:**	44
(8) Sludge Transfer Pumps: Quantity- 2 Nos. (1W + 1S), Type- Self Priming - Monoblock, Discharge- 10 Cum/Hr, Discharge Pressure- 1.0 Kq/Sq.cms, Head- 10 Meter, Motor Rating- 2 HP, Phase- 3 Phase, MOC- CI, Casting MOC- CI, Impeller MOC- CI, Make- Kirloskar, Power Consumption KW- 1.5 KW. **Remarks:**	4
(9) Filter Feed Pumps: Quantity- 2 Nos. (W + 1S), Discharge- 36 Cum/Hr, Discharge Pressure- 3.0 Kq/ Sq.cms, Head- 35 Meter, Motor Rating- 10.0 HP, MOC- CI, Impeller MOC- CI, Make- Kirloskar, Model No.- Vendor to specify, Power Consumption KW- 7.5 KW. **Remarks:**	3
(10) Pressure Sand Filter: Quantity- 1 Nos., Design Flow- 36 Cum/Hr, Filtration Velocity- 10 M3/M2/Hr, Design Pressure- 5.5 Kg/Sq.cm, Working Pressure- 3 Kg/Sq.cm, Type of Vessel- Vertical, Cylindrical, Dia of the Vessel- 1800 mm, Height of the Vessel- 2000 mm, Shell Thickness- 6 mm, Dish Thickness- 8 mm, MOC of Vessel- MSEP, Pipe Size of Inlet / Outlet- 65 NB, Diameter- 1800 mm, Height of Straight- 2000 mm, Make- Eviron India, Media- Sand Media, Frontal Piping- MS Piping with Butterfly Valves. **Remarks:**	1
(11) Activated Carbon Filter: Quantity- 1 Nos., Design Flow- 36 Cum/Hr, Filtration Velocity- 10 M3/M2/Hr, Design Pressure- 5.5 Kg/Sq.cm, Working Pressure- 3 Kg/Sq.cm, Type of Vessel- Vertical, Cylindrical, Dia of the Vessel- 1800 mm, Height of the Vessel- 2000 mm, Shell Thickness- 6 mm, Dish Thickness- 8 mm, MOC of Vessel- MSEP, Pipe Size of Inlet / Outlet- 65 NB, Diameter- 1000 mm, Height of Straight- 1800 mm, Make- Eviron India, Media- Sand and Carbon Media, Frontal Piping- MS Piping with Butterfly Valves.	1
(12) Chlorine Dosing System: Pump: Quantity- 2 Nos., Range- 0 - 10 LPH, Type- Electronic Diaphram (E-dose), Make- Asia LMI, **Tank:** Quantity- 1 Nos., Capacity- 100 Liters, MOC- HDPE, Make- Syntex / Cauvery.	2
(13) Dewatering Pumps with necessary valves and cables: Quantity- 1 Nos., Discharge- 10 Cum/Hr, Free Pressure- 40 mm, Head- 15 Meter, Make- CNP / Kirloskar, Model- Vendor to specify.	2
(14) Centrifuge Feed Pumps: Quantity- 2 Nos. (1W + 1S), Discharge- 10 Cum/Hr, Head- 15 Meter, Make- Kirloskar, MOC- CI, Impeller MOC- CI.	2
(15) Centrifuge System: Quantity- 1 No., Type- Solid Bowl Decanter Type with SS304 wetted parts and Carbon Steel Housing, Capacity- 250 Kgs per batch, Type- Submersible, Make- Apollo Machinery / Hiller / Lakshmi.	1
(16) Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of pipes and valves: Quantity- 1 Lot, MS Pipe Make- Jindal, UPVC Make- Finolex / Ashirwad, Valves- Inter Valve, BOM with rates- To be provided by Vendor.	1
(17) Supply, Installation, T&C of Suitable MCB Control Panel for Operation of STP: Quantity- 1 No., Make- Vendor to specify, BOM with rates- To be provided by Vendor.	1
(18) Supply, Installation, T&C of Cables & Cable Trays, Pressure Gauges, ETC.: Quantity- 1 Lot, Make of Cables- Polycab, Cable Tray Type- GI Preforated, BOM with rates- To be provided by Vendor.	1

Sd/-, Executive Engineer
Kengeri Division, BBMP

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Bhaker receives first dose of Covid vaccine

Champion shooter Manu Bhaker on Tuesday received her first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at a government hospital in Jhajjar, Haryana, three months before the Tokyo Olympics where she will enter as one of India's brightest medal hopes. The 19-year-old pistol ace was administered the Covishield vaccine at the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Dhakla village.

OUR IPL SPACE

BLUE BRIGADE TO RESCUE

Club, and its legion of spectators, become messengers of hope to help tackle second wave

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

WITH Covid-19 cases (3,52,991 new infections on Monday) spiralling out of control, India is in a deep state of crisis. Bed shortages, lack of oxygen and other facilities are headline-grabbing problems. Hence, people from different walks of life are coming out in the open to support those in need. Similarly Indian football clubs, including Bengaluru FC, have understood the need to amplify health and help resources and are using their social media presence to pass on the verified information to the masses and make a small contribution in trying times.

One look at the Blues' recent activities on Twitter includes information on home cooked meals delivery available in some cities, mental health helplines, hospitals with bed availability among others. The flow of information is only going to increase as they only set up a team over last week for the purpose, where fans and other staff are working countless hours reaching out to different people and verifying information. Bengaluru players are also using their reach to amplify.

This initiative is mainly the brainchild of the BFC media team, which has received full support from the management. With the club having a huge fan base, including 285k Twitter followers, they are making use of their supporters too.

"We've only just started, but the response has been great. We are inundated with resources willing to help... we formed a small core group comprising club staff and fans where we collate information. All this information is verified as much as possible by the fans who are assigned the job of calling the source of information.

"As for the players, they have been spoken with and will be using their reach and presence to amplify everything we do. They were on board the moment they heard about the initiative," said a member of the media team.

Bengaluru FC @BengaluruFC · 4h
If you're looking for home-cooked meals to be delivered to your doorstep while in isolation, click on the link below and find the options in your locality. #WeAreBFC #BackOnOurFeet
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Bengaluru FC @BengaluruFC · 7h
Isolated, worried or simply want to open up? Here's a list of helpline numbers and email addresses for you to access affordable or free counseling, therapy sessions and more, via Instagram. You're not alone in this!
#WeAreBFC #CareAroundTheCorner
Mental Health Helplines

It is not the first time that the club have taken such initiatives during the pandemic. Last year also they ran a campaign 'Back On Our Feet' where they covered stories of and created content for small businesses through the city. So, their recent initiative does not come as a surprise, especially when the medical infrastructure is creaking.

"I think it gives us so much more meaning as a football club. This is our home and that doesn't stand true only during the season or during games. Times are very hard and we want to play our part to help in the healing process. We've always received so much love and support whenever we've played and it's only right that we grab the first chance to return it back."

However, it is not only Bengaluru. Other Indian Super League clubs, including Kerala Blasters, Chennaiyin FC, NorthEast United FC and Odisha FC have also taken similar initiatives to tackle the second wave.

Susan Sushma at her cafe Upperoom packs food to deliver to patients under Covid care and in isolation | MK ASHOK KUMAR

Serving Covid patients free at their doorstep

MS THANARAJ @ Tiruchy

AMID the sea of suffering, here is a team of youngsters who are on a special mission to ensure patients and frontline workers are well fed. An NGO, Kalanjiyam Food Bank, and Upperoom Cafe have joined hands in serving nutritious food to isolating patients and frontline workers free of cost. The initiative 'Covid Care at Tiruchy' received a huge response on the first day itself. Nearly 120 food packets got sold in a few hours. About 100 were distributed to patients at MGMGH.

The Kalanjiyam Food Bank started the service during the lockdown last year. "Our motto is to provide at least one meal a day to the needy. We served nearly 800 people across the city in half a year," Sam Ellis, the NGO's founder, told this daily. "At present, many people who are tested positive are struggling to get or prepare food. Hence, we came up with the idea of partnering with Upperoom Cafe to provide lunch." The menu includes food like chickpeas.

"We have circulated our contact numbers and about the initiative in all social media platforms. Once we get calls from Covid patients and frontline workers who are in need of our service, we get their address. From that day, we will serve lunch during their complete house quarantine duration of 14 days completely free. We serve only vegetarian meals. As per the dietitian's advice, they are preparing seven different meals each day accompanied by different kinds of vegetable siders. all the food is being prepared by a professional chef," added Susan Sushma, proprietor of Upperoom Cafe.

The volunteers who take the food will be wearing proper safety gear. She added that Covid patients in house quarantine or at GH can approach the team through the contact numbers 97860 00427 or 9786000274 or 80564 50777 for availing their service.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

22-yr-old girl travels 2 hrs to donate blood to a pregnant lady

RIDHIMA GUPTA @ Hyderabad

AT a time Covid cases are rapidly increasing and most people have already locked themselves in their house, there are some, who are coming out, risking their lives only to save others. Meet one such person, the 22-year-old Ravali Thikka, who went out of her way and travelled for more than two hours to donate blood to a nine-month pregnant woman.

The nine-month pregnant woman, G Vajeera, was a victim of circumstances. Things got complicated after her husband tested positive for the virus. "My wife, Vajeera (25) was not positive but due to some medical issues, the doctors said she needed blood. I reached out to blood banks, but they said it was not available. I called others but no one agreed. When I was losing hope and was getting too scared for my child and wife, a reply to my WhatsApp status, asking for blood donation, came as a ray of hope," said 26-year-old G Prashant.

For Ravali, saving life was more important. "I saw the blood donation request and realised that I fit in all criteria and I immediately decided to travel to Mulugu," she said. "My parents were reluctant to let me go as they were scared for me to travel, especially at this time, but I was determined. So, I convinced my parents and took a public bus to reach Mulugu," said Ravali, who donated blood for the first time.

Due to the pandemic, donors are few and far between. "People who have taken vaccination and have not completed 28 days cannot donate blood. This is why most blood banks are facing shortage," said the President of Telangana Blood Bank society, S Sai.

Vineeth back to service, this time as donor

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

INDIA'S blood banks have been making the appeal to the public to donate blood before getting vaccinated. And Indian footballer CK Vineeth is ready to pay heed to those appeals.

The vaccination drive is to begin from May 1 for everyone above the age of 18, and once vaccinated, they may not be able to donate blood based on the guidelines.

Vineeth understands this and the 32-year-old hopes that this is one way in which he can help and inspire others.

"I am planning to donate blood before getting vaccinated. It is about the small things that we can do. It is down to our health workers and others to help save the lives of those suffering from Covid and our role in that might be limited. This is my way of trying to do whatever I can and if it sets an example for others, then so be it," said Vineeth.

Mass vaccination could lead to a scarcity of blood donors who are primarily between the age 18-45. With two doses of the vaccine, one might have to wait for two to three months to donate blood. Such a scenario could jeopardize other medical emergencies.

"As a footballer, my responsibility is to play for my team and the fans. At the moment, as a citizen, this is a small lgesture I can do to help someone in need. It may not be much. At the same time, one has to be extremely careful about their safety and that of their family during these times. That is paramount," he said.

He had made news for volunteering at a Covid-19 helpline centre back in Kannur during the nationwide lockdown last year.

The former Bengaluru FC and Kerala Blasters FC man would take countless calls from people looking for assistance but he suggests that the situation is different now. "There was a lockdown at that time and people couldn't step out of their homes. I was asked if I could help and I didn't think twice. This time out, things are very different and the second wave left little time to prepare. The first appeal I want to make to people is not to step out unless absolutely necessary," he said.

After parting ways with Indian Super League side East Bengal, the veteran footballer is on the lookout for a new club but that is not his priority.

"All that can wait. The country is going through an unprecedented crisis and we need to come out of it first. Everything else comes after that," he said.

CONTENDER'S BATTLE

Two of Europe's most ambitious clubs go head to head in what's probably the tie of the Champions League so far. Talking points between PSG and Manchester City...

GUARDIOLA FACTOR

This isn't necessarily a flattering point for the Spanish coach who rose to face after winning this trophy twice in three years while at Barcelona. Since his last Champions League in 2011, Guardiola is yet to reach a final as a succession of bad decisions condemned his sides. For it to be any different, Guardiola probably has to go back to the basics.

FOCUS ON MBAPPE, NEYMAR

With Kylian Mbappe fit and the Brazilian back, PSG will hope to exploit that Man City backline. Even though City haven't conceded that many goals, they like to push up and play a high line. PSG have already showed what they can do against teams (Bayern Munich in the quarterfinals) that play a similar brand of football.

03 PSG are winless in their three competitive games against Man City

21 Both sides have scored 21 goals so far in Europe

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Japan's small towns say no to hosting Olympic teams

AFP @ Tokyo

HUNDREDS of Japanese towns and cities have been forced to rethink plans to host Olympic teams because the coronavirus will prevent public appearances and require costly safety measures.

The western town of Okuizumo spent more than $5 million preparing to welcome India's hockey team for a pre-Games training camp, only to scrap the visit because of Covid-19.

After sinking money into upgrading sports facilities, Okuizomo balked when it became clear it would have to provide bubble-like biosecurity measures with regular virus tests and medical care.

"We wanted to have one of the world's top tier teams visit our town and show their skills to local children," town official Katsumi Nagase said. "But that seems impossible now."

More than 500 municipalities signed up to host athletes and officials in a scheme aimed at broadening the Olympics' benefits beyond Tokyo.

Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee President Seiko Hashimoto wears a rainbow-colored mask with word "Equality" during her visit to Pride House Tokyo Legacy in Tokyo Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Japan marked LGBTQ week with pledge to push for equality law before the Olympics | AP

Some, like Okuizumo, have already scrapped plans to host overseas athletes, while others are devising careful programmes they hope will keep everyone safe. Instead of giving residents the chance to meet elite athletes and try out new sports, towns will have to ditch any physical contact, school visits and public training sessions.

Kurihara city in northern Miyagi prefecture was planning to host South Africa's hockey team, but decided the expense was no longer worth it given the limitations imposed by virus measures. "It's a project that will use our tax resources," Hidenori Sasaki, an official with the local board of education, said.

EXPRESS READ

Leicester edge past Crystal Palace

Leicester: Leicester strengthened their grip on third place in the Premier League as Kelechi Iheanacho's superb strike capped a spirited fightback in Monday's 2-1 win against Crystal Palace. Brendan Rogers' side trailed to Wilfried Zaha's first half goal at the King Power Stadium. But Timothy Castagne equalised soon after the interval with his first goal since September.

Nagelsmann new Bayern manager

Munich: Bayern Munich hired Leipzig coach Julian Nagelsmann to replace the departing Hansi Flick starting next season. The 33-year-old Nagelsmann will move to Bayern on July 1 with a contract that runs through 2026. Bayern said it agreed to terminate Flick's contract after he asked to be released early.

Oz Olympians to be given vaccine priority

London: Australian athletes and support staff preparing for the Tokyo Olympics will be given priority for vaccines. The Australian government on Tuesday said members of the Olympic team would be vaccinated under a priority group which includes healthcare workers, Indigenous people aged over 55 and people older than 70.

F1 to debut sprint qualifying at 3 races

AFP @ Paris

FORMULA One has unanimously approved the adoption of 'sprint' qualifying at three Grands Prix this season, the organisers announced on Monday. The sprint qualifying over a distance of 100 kilometres will determine the GP grid and give the top three finishers championship points, F1 said in a statement.

It said the sprint sessions, which are "designed to increase the on-track action", would take place at two European races and at one race outside Europe. Website Autosport reported the two European sprints will be held at July's British GP at Silverstone and the Italian GP at Monza in September.

"I am delighted that all the teams supported this plan, and it is a testament to our united efforts to continue to engage our fans in new ways while ensuring we remain committed to the heritage and meritocracy of our sport," said F1 chief executive Stefano Domenicali.

Race weekends featuring the sprint qualifiers will have a tweaked format, with a regular qualifying session based on the fastest single lap after the first free practice on the Friday. That session will determine the grid for Saturday's sprint qualifying.

The driver who comes top in the sprint, which will take place after the second free practice, will collect three championship points, the second-placed driver will take two points and third finisher will have one point.

"It also strikes the right balance of rewarding drivers and teams on merit while also giving others the chance to battle their way through the field on Saturday to increase their race chances on Sunday," said F1.

The new format needs to be ratified by motorsport governing body FIA, whose next meeting is scheduled for July 9.

HOW IT WORKS

FRIDAY

60-minute First Practice in the morning with two sets of tyres for teams to choose freely.

Normal Qualifying format in the afternoon with five soft tyre sets available only.

SATURDAY

60-minute Second Free Practice in the morning with one set of tyres for teams to choose freely.

100km Sprint Qualifying in the afternoon with two sets of tyres for teams to choose freely.

SUNDAY

Full distance Grand Prix with two remaining sets of tyres.

CHANGE OF PLANS

Wimbledon to scrap rest day from 2022; no decision on fans for 2021

ASSOCIATED PRESS @ London

FOR all of the pandemic-related planning discussed for this year's return of Wimbledon — much still to be determined, including fan capacity and prize money — Tuesday's biggest news out of the All England Club takes effect in 2022: There will be play on the Grand Slam tournament's middle Sunday.

In addition to creating a 14-day event by eliminating the traditional break at the midpoint, the historic decision forever alters what has come to be known as "Manic Monday," the opening of Week 2 that made Wimbledon the only major tennis championship with all 16 women's and men's fourth-round singles matches scheduled for the same day.

Instead, under a plan organisers "intend to make a permanent part of the schedule," the fourth round will be split between Sunday and Monday next year, All England Club chairman Ian Hewitt said during a video conference.

This year's Wimbledon singles main draw is scheduled for June 28 to July 11 | AP

Next year marks a century since Centre Court was opened in 1922. Middle Sunday has hosted competition only four times, when rain disrupted the schedule and created a backlog of matches: in 1991, 1997, 2004 and 2016. "We want more of this wonderful event to be available to more people," chief executive Sally Bolton said.

The additional ticket and concession sales that become available probably will be appreciated by the club, too.

Both of those categories will drop in 2021 because of restrictions still in place amid the coronavirus pandemic, which wiped out Wimbledon completely a year ago. That was the first time since World War II the grass-court tournament was not held, but the club held cancellation insurance that paid 180 million pounds ($250 million), Hewitt said.

Brazil's health regulator has denied a request from several states to import Russia's Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine, saying it did not have the data needed to verify the jab's safety and efficacy.

'DON'T STOP BP PILLS ON YOUR OWN'

Here's a handy list of do's and don'ts from the Indian Council of Medical Research on what people with underlying health conditions should keep in mind amidst the coronavirus pandemic, including advice on taking medications

Are patients with heart disease, diabetes or hypertension at increased risk to get coronavirus infection?
No, people with hypertension, diabetes or heart diseases are at no greater risk of getting the infection than anyone else.

Among people with the diseases mentioned above, is there a higher risk of severe illness or complications once infected?
The majority (80%) of people diagnosed with Covid-19 will have mild symptoms of a respiratory infection (fever, sore throat, cough) and make a full recovery. Some of those with diabetes, hypertension and heart diseases, including heart failure, may develop more severe symptoms and complications. Therefore, extra care is advised for these patients.

Are people with diabetes more prone to Covid-19?
In general, you know that people with uncontrolled diabetes are at increased risk of all infections. People with diabetes are not at higher risk for acquiring the infection, but some individuals are prone to a more severe form of the disease and poorer outcomes once they are infected.

Hence, follow your diet and exercise routine (to the extent possible), take your medications regularly and test your sugar levels frequently so as to keep your diabetes under control. When diabetic patients become sick, they may require frequent monitoring of blood glucose and adjustment of drugs including insulin, small frequent meals and adequate fluids.

Some tips for those suffering from diabetes, hypertension and heart disease:
Take your medicines regularly — this is very important. Make sure that you take all your prescribed medications regularly as before even if you are mildly symptomatic.

Don't stop any medication unless advised by your doctor. Continue with your blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease medications in case you are unable to visit your doctor. Medications to control cholesterol (statins) should be continued.

What about reports about BP medications increasing severity of COVID-19?
After reviewing available information, the consensus of various scientific societies and expert groups of cardiologists is that currently there is no evidence that the two group of drugs — ACE inhibitors (eg. Ramipril, Enalapril and so on) and angiotensin receptor blockers (eg. Losartan, Telmisartan and so on) increase the susceptibility or severity of Covid-19.

These drugs are very effective against heart failure, by supporting your heart function and controlling high blood pressure (BP). It maybe be harmful to decide to stop these medications by yourself. This can worsen your heart condition.

Patients inside a banquet hall that has been temporarily converted into a Covid-19 ward in New Delhi on Tuesday | AFP

What can I take if I have pain or fever?
Some types of pain killers (called NSAIDs) like Ibuprofen have been found to worsen Covid-19. Such drugs are known to be harmful to heart failure patients and may increase your risk of kidney damage. Avoid NSAIDs or take them only when prescribed by your doctor. Paracetamol is one of the safest pain killers to use if needed.

Control blood pressure, blood sugar and do regular physical activity
It is also important to control your risk factor levels – avoid smoking and alcohol, have your blood pressure and blood sugar levels under control and have some form of regular physical activity (However, please modify your out-door activities according to the norms of social-distancing).

Follow the diet and salt restriction as advised. If you are a non-vegetarian, you can continue to be so. Increasing your fibre and protein intake, as well as including more vegetables and fruits in diet, is advisable.

What should I do if I get symptoms suggestive of Covid-19?
In case you get fever, cough, and muscle pain without shortness of breath, call your doctor and seek advice on the phone.

Contact nearby Covid-19 testing laboratories and arrange for testing. While awaiting your test results, stay at home and avoid close contact with family members, maintain hand hygiene, and correctly wear a medical face mask.

If you test positive for Covid-19, isolate yourself at home as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family welfare, India (RevisedHomeIsolationGuidelines.pdf (mohfw.gov.in)).

If there is worsening of your symptoms such as fatigue or shortness of breath, contact your doctor for further advice.

What should you do to prevent COVID19?
Covid-19 is spread by coughs and sneezes, through what are called droplets (tiny amount saliva or other secretions expressed through cough/sneezing or even after a hearty laugh) and through touch.

When you touch an object that has the virus particles on it, the virus may get onto your hands and when you touch your face, you may get infected.

Virus particles can persist upto 3 days and therefore it is important to maintain hygiene of your surroundings.

Wash the rooms, tables and other surfaces with floor cleaners or even simple soap solution and sanitise your hands when you touch unknown or unclean surfaces.

WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PREVENT ACQUIRING OR SPREADING INFECTION

Social distancing

- Avoid contact with someone who shows symptoms of possible Covid-19 — anyone having a cold, cough or fever
- Avoid non-essential travel and use of public transport
- Avoid public places, crowds and large family get-togethers. Keep in touch with friends and relatives using phone, internet and social media
- Avoid routine visits to hospitals / labs for minor problems, contact hospital or HF clinic by phone or helpline number if possible. If you are regularly checking INR and adjusting blood thinning medicines, please contact the doctor over phone if possible
- Avoid a hospital as much as possible

Hand hygiene

- Avoid handshakes and touching your face with hands
- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently – do this for at least 20-30 seconds and systematically to clean all parts of the hand
- Alcohol-based hand sanitisers are useful
- Avoid touching possibly contaminated areas/objects – public toilet doors, door handles etc.,

TEXT: ICMR

Progressive climate policy can actually decrease poverty

STUDY

PARIS: Ambitious climate policies could reduce extreme poverty in developing countries if governments opted for robust taxes on emitters that were then fairly distributed to help the poor, new research showed Tuesday.

Authors of the study in *Nature Communications* said the results showed that policymakers were facing a false choice between climate change mitigation and poverty reduction.

Since fossil fuels and agricultural chemicals such as fertilisers are so heavily subsidised, any attempt to remove taxpayer support to these unsustainable practices frequently prompts fears of higher prices for consumers. Industry lobbyists also argue that cheap energy from coal has a role to play in expanding access to electricity in developing countries.

Climate policies safeguard people from climate change impacts like extreme weather risks or crop failure

Bjoern Soergel a PIK researcher and lead author of the study

Researchers at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) used computer models to predict how levels of global poverty might be affected by various interventions aimed at limiting global warming.

They found that the world was on course to have around 350 million people living in extreme policy -- i.e. on less than $1.90 a day -- by 2030, far short of the UN goal to eradicate extreme poverty by the end of the decade.

The authors noted that this figure did not factor in the economic disruption caused by the pandemic, or the adverse effects of climate change.

They then modelled in ambitious climate policies consistent with the 1.5C temperature goal of the Paris Agreement, and found that this could increase the number of people living in extreme poverty by an additional 50 million.

But when they modelled in equitable redistribution of national carbon price revenues – which would see poorer, and therefore lower-polluting sections of society receive money accrued from richer polluters -- they found that this could compensate for the other effects of climate mitigation.

They even found it slightly reduce the number of people living in poverty -- about 6 million fewer by 2030.

Soergel said that governments could combine emissions prices with international redistribution of the revenues they generated – a sort of "climate dividend".

CHEAP CONSTRUCTION

3D printers seek to disrupt home building

TECHNOLOGY

A new generation of startups wants to disrupt the way houses are built by automating production with industrial 3D printers.

3D printing, also known as additive manufacturing, uses machines to deposit thin layers of plastic, metal, concrete and other materials atop one another, eventually producing three-dimensional objects from the bottom up. In recent years, 3D printers have mostly been used to create small quantities of specialized items such as car parts or prosthetic limbs, allowing consumers or businesses to produce just what they need using the machines at home or work.

Now a small number of startups around the world are applying 3D printing to home construction, arguing that it's faster, cheaper and more sustainable than traditional construction. They say these technologies could help address severe housing shortages that have led to soaring home prices and overcrowding.

But 3D home construction is still in the early stage of development. Most startups in this field are developing new technologies and not building homes yet. And two of the highest profile and best-financed US companies – Mighty Buildings and ICON – have delivered fewer than 100 houses.

To move beyond a niche market, construction firms will need to significantly ramp up production and persuade home buyers, developers and regulators that 3D printed houses are safe, durable and pleasing to the eye. They'll also need to train workers to operate the machines and install the homes.

Proponents note that printing houses rather than nailing them together could save huge quantities of scrap wood, metal and other discarded construction materials that are dumped into landfills every year.

Jason Ballard, CEO and co-founder of a 3D printing construction startup called ICON, said its 3D printing system can do the work of 10 to 20 workers in five or six different trades. And unlike humans, the machines can work up to 24 hours a day, saving developers time and money.

(Top) A 3D-printed housing module being delivered after being assembled in a factory. (Above) A 3D-printed home in Austin, Texas | MIGHTY BUILDINGS, ICON VIA AP

The benefits that automation and digitisation had brought to so many other industries with regard to speed and affordability were completely missing from the construction industry

Jason Ballard, CEO and co-founder of ICON

"With 3D printing, we're able to print exactly what we need," said Sam Ruben, the company's co-founder and chief sustainability officer at Mighty Buildings. The process can eliminate nearly all construction waste, he said, which can add up to savings of two to three tons of carbon per housing unit.

In Mighty Buildings' factory warehouse in Oakland, Calif., a 3D printer deposits thin layers of a stone-like material that quickly hardens under ultraviolet light and resists fire and water. Wall panels are printed one layer at a time and then filled with an insulating foam. Robotic arms finish the surfaces into various designs.

The printer can produce the entire exterior shell of a studio home or individual wall panels that can easily assembled with simple tools, the company said. Mighty Buildings is now producing 350-square-foot backyard studios, known in the industry as "accessory dwelling units," that can be used as extra bedrooms, playrooms, gyms or home offices.

1 in 10 women experience miscarriage

HEALTH

ONE in seven pregnancies worldwide ends in miscarriage, and eleven percent of women endure a failed pregnancy at least once in their lifetime, experts said.

Some 23 million miscarriages occur every year, according to data pieced together from around the globe by a team of 31 researchers. But the actual tally is sure to be "substantially higher" due to under-reporting, they said in a trio of studies in *The Lancet*.

Two percent of women – one in 50 – have experienced two miscarriages, while less that one percent have been through three or more.

Levels of care for women suffering miscarriage is highly uneven across countries, and even within many wealthy nations, the data showed.

"A new system is needed to ensure miscarriages are better recognised and women are given the physical and mental health care they need," the researchers said in a statement.

Misconceptions about miscarriage are widespread. Many women believe they occur only rarely, for example, or that they can be caused by lifting heavy objects or previous contraceptive use.

They may also think that there's no effective treatments to prevent a miscarriage, especially in women at high risk.

VACCINE HESITANCY

Suspicion of govt, concerns over Astra jab slow Africa rollout

MEDICINE

KAMPALA: Some Africans are hesitating to get Covid-19 vaccines amid concerns about their safety, alarming health officials as some countries start to destroy thousands of doses that expired before use.

Malawi and South Sudan in recent days have said they will destroy some of their doses, a concerning development on a continent where health officials have been outspoken about the need for vaccine equity as the world's rich nations hold the bulk of shots.

Africa, whose 1.3 billion people represent 16% of the world's population, has received less than 2% of the COVID-19 vaccine doses administered around the world, according to the World Health 0rganization.

The continent has confirmed more than 4.5 million COVID-19 cases, including 120,000 deaths, a tiny fraction of the global fatalities and caseload. But some experts worry that the 54-nation continent will suffer in the long term if it takes longer than expected to achieve herd immunity. Africa seeks to vaccinate up to 60% of its people by the end of 2022.

Achieving that goal will require about 1.5 billion vaccine doses for Africa if the two-shot AstraZeneca vaccine continues to be widely used. But safety concerns relating to that vaccine, often the main shot available under the donor-backed Covax program to ensure equitable global access, have left some Africans worried.

Vaccine-related suspicions have been spread widely on social media, driven partly by a general lack of trust in authorities. Uganda's health minister had to refute allegations she faked receiving a shot, even posting a video of herself getting the jab on Twitter, along with the admonition: "Please stop spreading fake news!"

Some have openly questioned the speed with which Covid-19 vaccines have been developed.

"The world has failed to find a vaccine for AIDS all these years, but they quickly found a vaccine for Covid? I am not going to go for that vaccine," said Richard Bbale, an electrician in the Ugandan capital, Kampala, voicing fear that an vaccine could be harmful.

Austin Demby, Sierra Leone's health minister, said last week that a third of the 96,000 doses the country received in March will likely not be used before they expire, citing a lack of urgency among some people.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Clean energy innovation slowing

CLIMATE

Innovation in the clean energy sector has slowed, a report released Tuesday found, a worrying development as plans to meet carbon emissions reductions targets rely on yet-to-be-developed technologies. A joint report by the European Patent Office and the International Energy Agency found that found that the average annual growth rate of patents for low carbon emissions technologies has fallen to 3.3 percent since 2017, considerably slower than the average level of 12.5 percent in the period 2000-2013. At the climate summit last week in Washington, many nations reiterated pledges to reach net-zero carbon emissions by mid-century or soon thereafter. However, the EPO-IEA report "Patents and the energy transition" found that around 35 percent of the cumulative CO2 emissions reductions needed to shift to a sustainable path to reach net-zero emissions by 2070 are still currently at the prototype or demonstration phase.

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DAY'S DIARY

France Prez resigns

Charles de Gaulle stepped down on April 28, 1969, after more than 10 years as President of France, after his regime suffered a numbing defeat in a referendum

IN POLITICS

General de Gaulle was a towering figure in post-war politics: the symbol of Free France during the Nazi occupation in the Second World War, he founded the Fifth Republic in 1958

POWERFUL LEADER

He is known to have revolutionised French political institutions, and became France's most powerful head of state since Napoleon III

AS A WRITER

He explored a number of military issues in his books. He published *La Discorde chez l'ennemi* (1924), his examination of Germany, and *Vers l'armée de métier* (1932), in which he made suggestions for creating a better army

Rachana Inder joins cast of Let's Break Up

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WHEN LESS IS MORE

Feather eyebrows, lighter makeup and dewy cheeks — city-based makeup artistes help you recreate the minimal look that Hollywood stars fashioned on the Oscars 2021 red carpet

MONIKA MONALISA

Oscars 2021 was like none of its previous editions. With only the nominees and presenters allowed on the red carpet, there was still no dearth of glitz and glamour, but there were hardly any style experiments that fashion enthusiasts could look forward to. However, what did catch our eye was the subtle makeup that actors opted for. Dewy cheeks, light makeup, and an overall clean look ruled the red carpet this year. This trend, according to celebrity makeup artist Sabrina Suhail, seems to be a "millennial approach to things". The less-makeup look is always a classic and can never go out of fashion. For example, Choe Zhao, winner of best director of *Nomadland*, had a neat look. This was unlike any red carpet but it's something that girls can easily experiment with," explains Suhail, founder of Tinge Custom Makeup.

Even Geeta Rao and Dipanwita Chhabra, co-founders, GlossNGlass Academy, believe that the stars' choice of colours and makeup could suit Indian events and functions too. "Most weddings have multiple events. And for most pre-events, brides now prefer to keep the look fresh with beautiful mid-tone peach or mauve hues," says Rao, adding that Zendaya, H.E.R and Amanda Seyfried's looks were here favourite. Chhabra adds that the no-makeup look, along with neutral tones, is in trend this year. "More and more women are gravitating towards this to naturally enhance their features. Once can add a pop of colour through their lip colour or a jewel tone hue in the eye makeup," says Chabbra. According to her, many women are sticking to reds and maroons as a statement lip with nude earthy tones for the eyes. "For the rest of the makeup, the skin is left toned down and translucent with medium coverage foundation. Add natural contours with bronzers and blush," she says.

With severe restrictions in place again, these looks can also add a touch of glam to virtual meetings or get-togethers. Zohara Shereen, founder of Zohara Shereen Makeup Academy, says dewy cheeks and lighter toned lip colours can be a go-to option. "Apart from that, sleek hair and feathered eyebrows are also a thing. Naoko Scintu brushed Florence Pugh's brows upward at an angle and used an eyebrow pencil for fine strokes to mimic brow hair. With this, one can take a break from sharp and edgy brows this season," says Shereen.

Sabrina Suhail

Zohara Shereen

Geeta Rao and Dipanwita Chhabra

Zendaya Pic: Instagram

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

QUESTIONS

1. Name the first chief minister of Andhra Pradesh who went on to become the president of India and who then settled in Bengaluru after retirement. He died here in 1996 and a memorial was built at Kalpalli Burial ground in the city?
2. Mayo Hall was built in 1883 in memory of Lord Mayo, the fourth viceroy of India. It initially housed the municipal offices of Bangalore Civil and Military Station (Cantonment). On which prominent road in Bengaluru is the iconic heritage building located?
3. Name the freedom fighter in whose name a park in Malleswaram and a circle in Sadashivanagar is named after.

FROM KITCHEN TO HOME

With food aggregator platforms charging high commissions, restaurants are opting for direct delivery

MONIKA MONALISA

Just a few days ago, Dotpe, a payment platform, released a video appealing to customers to directly order in from restaurants rather than through aggregators. The video may be for commercial purposes but it was hard hitting for many restaurateurs. So much so that even chef Manu Chandra shared it on his Instagram handle. Apart from him, many other city-based restaurants have slowly started moving towards direct delivery.

Prasanna Kumar, founder of Blr Brewing Co, says it is important for restaurants to have their own customer base. According to him, one of the drawbacks of going through aggregators is doubt over customer loyalty. "These aggregators don't give the address or contact of the customers. So, we can't cater to them directly even if there is a way to customise their food," says Kumar. But there's a bigger reason why people are opting out. And that is — high commissions charged by aggregators. "These commissions are close to 20-25 per cent, which brings down our profit margin. And then the prices of the delivered food is charged at a higher rate," says Kumar, adding that through direct delivery the restaurant's staff also gets a chance to save their jobs.

Anirudh Nopany, co-founder of Brik Oven, agrees. He says that aggregators were a game changer in many ways during the first lockdown, when dine-in was not allowed but the commission brings down the profit. At the same time, Nopany is aware of the challenges to be faced with direct delivery. "Competing with Swiggy and Zomato is not an easy thing, considering their data base is so big. It's going to take us time to make our presence felt, since people are used to these aggregators," says Nopany, adding that his franchise is still on the aggregator list in order to stay afloat. However, they are trying to come up with a software that lets patrons order in directly from the website. "We tried it in our Indiranagar branch and are soon going to put it up for other branches too," he adds.

The smaller players in the industry are also trying out other options like Dunzo and Ola Eats. Take, for instance, Bohra Bohra Cafe, which turned into a cloud kitchen last year. "Apart from high commissions, some aggregators also ask for discounts which makes it difficult for us. So we moved to Dunzo, which is cheaper," says Rehana Nagaria, co-founder of the cafe.

Prasanna Kumar

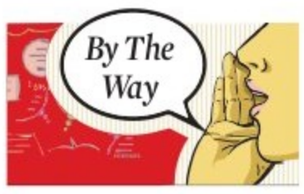
Rehana Nagaria

Anirudh Nopany

CITY READ

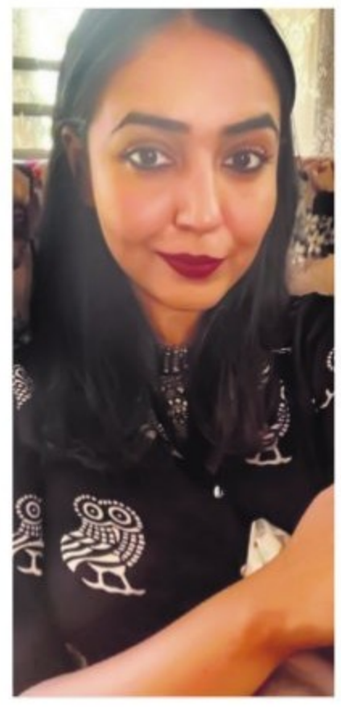
Online session on breathing patterns to be held

On the occasion of International Pilates Day (May 1), Pilates for Wellbeing is organising a 75-minute online pilates session. It will start at 8.30 am and will be conducted by Kavita Prakash. The session will focus on varied breathing patterns to boost immunity. It is free for all and will be held on Zoom. For details, contact 9538999967.



KEEP CALM & CARRY ON

Like many others, Hitha Chandrashekar too is amplifying resources on her Instagram page. Between posts, the actor shared some much-needed advice for these times. She shared the following words on her Instagram story, "If you're facing a lot of anxiety unable to go to sleep, worrying, struck with paranoia-BREATHE. Take a moment and breathe. Focus on your breathing. Say a little prayer. Everything's going to be okay!" Wise words indeed.



SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

Check out Contagion, a virtual multidisciplinary event that explores the concept of transmission, through viruses, human emotions, art, dance and more

SANATH PRASAD

Although the world is currently battling the COVID-19 crisis, we as a society have dealt with a host of other contagions in the past as well. You can learn more about this through Science Gallery Bengaluru's new exhibition. The not-for-profit public institution for research-based engagement is conducting a 45-day virtual exhibition tracing the reason behind transmission through not just a virus, but human emotions, art, dance, social behaviour, disinformation and more. This virtual exhibition, called Contagion, has been curated by Danielle Olsen, international cultural producer at the Wellcome Trust, and Jahnavi Phalkey, founding director, Science Gallery Bengaluru. It has been in the making for the past one year.

"Contagion presents a multiplicity of voices to better understand our collective experience of the COVID-19 pandemic. We open doors to research, to creative responses, and hands-on activities that will help us all formulate relevant questions as we make our way through this demanding moment," says Phalkey.

According to Madhushree Kamak, programme coordinator for Contagion, the event also aims to engage young adults in research in humanity, technology, art and other disciplines. "This our fourth such exhibition. It has 16 interactive exhibits that deal with topics like viruses, vaccines, contagious laughter and much more. We also have a public lecture series including talks and tutorials, starting this week, moderated by senior experts from health backgrounds," says Kamak.

The interactive virtual exhibition will kick off with an open lecture and tutorial by Sheila Jasanoff, a science professor at Harvard Kennedy school speaking about 'Control, Consensus, Chaos: The Global Response to the Pandemic', including a case study of India. Later in May, artist Ranjit Kandalgaonkar will exhibit his works related to drawing the Bombay plague, Christos Lynteris, a senior lecturer in anthropology, will be exhibiting his works on 'Controlling the Plague in British India'.

Besides dealing with pandemic and disease control related subjects, the programme will also host Ananya Kabir, a literary and cultural historian, who will conduct a tutorial class on Contagion and Electricity: Two Ways of Talking About Connection in Dance. The class is based on how social dance can become viral and aims to understand the way we must dance during the pandemic. The science event, beginning on April 30, will have 40 trained moderators from Bengaluru who will help walk the visitors through different exhibitions and help them understand the behind the scene moments of the artist.

Contagion will take place from April 30 to June 13. For more details, visit the Bengaluru Science Gallery website.

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Jahnavi Phalkey, founding director, Science Gallery Bengalurual Utsav

FOOD ON WHEELS

Enjoy an exciting line-up of food with Marriott on Wheels's sweet cravings, chicken dum biryani, baked belgian tarts, paneer and chicken kathi rolls and combo meals. **Where:** Courtyard By Marriott Hebbal. To place orders: 9606482968

MUSIC CONCERT

Enjoy an evening of classical fusion with the Teen Prahar concert, which will present various ragas. The musical evening will feature artistes like Anindo Chatterjee, Giridhar Udupa, and Ustad Shujaat Khan among others. **When:** May 8, 6pm **Where:** Online, tickets on bookmyshow

MANGO DONUTS

Enjoy a wide variety of soft fluffy donuts filled with mango jams dipped in white chocolate glaze, some topped with dark chocolate mousse and some adorned with mango-flavoured chocolate shavings and cheese creams. You can order through Zomato or Swiggy. **Where:** Mad over donuts, home delivery, **When:** Till May 31

LAUGH OUT LOUD

Enjoy Gaurav Kapoor's show online as he makes fun of super-relatable observations and situations from all walks of life. His shows are a mix of observational humour and anecdotes where he narrates stories from corporate offices, festivals, 90's era, food, travel and his marriage. **When:** April 28 onwards **Where:** Zoom **Details:** Bookmyshow

PLAYBACK SINGER MONALI THAKUR IS CONDUCTING A SINGING WORKSHOP FOR ALL AGE GROUPS WHEN: APRIL 28 ONWARDS DETAILS: UNLUCLASS WEBSITE

Carnatic Music Workshop

Sign up for an online Carnatic music workshop with artiste Twinkle Ann. The training will focus on vocal warm up exercises, voice range, geethams and more. The workshop is open for those aged between 8 and 14 years. It will have five sessions a month. **When:** May 1 onwards, **Details:** Lahe Lahe website

Birthday tunes

Fan of soulful and hearty songs? Well this programme is for you. Enjoy learning in the fresh morning with soothing guitar tunes and gift your loved ones a perfect birthday wish composition. The workshop is 15 minutes long. **When:** April 27 onwards **Where:** Online Details: bookmyshow

Online Fitness

If the lockdown is hampering your fitness routine at fitness centres, well here's a way out. Get sweating with the online holistic fitness training including fun workouts, yoga, meditation and other lifestyle activities. Enjoy the live fitness classes for one month **When:** April 27 onwards **Where:** online **Details:** Cure.fit website

Gourmet Mania

Get interesting culinary dishes like aachari tandoor chicken, paneer, a basket full of fries, macchi 65, spicy BBQ chicken wings, periperi fish fingers and lots more to accompany some chilled beer at your doorstep. **When:** Until May 30 **Where:** Aloft Bengaluru Cessna Business Park Details :8884452271

Online Science Workshop

Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium is organising five-day online programme for high school students to help them explore science related activities. The online workshop will give hands on training in simple and easy to do science experiments which the children can practise at home. **When:** May 4, 12pm, Register at bookmyshow

Stock Market Workshop

Zebu School is conducting an online workshop on the Indian stock market. The workshop will be moderated by four experts who will deal with subjects like analytics, strategies and guidance in Indian stock market. **When:** April 30, 6pm, **Details:** bookmyshow

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

CHICKEN-VEGETABLE STIR FRY

INGREDIENTS

- **Peanut oil:** 2 tbsp
- **Chicken breasts:** 3, cut into thin strips
- **Onion:** 1, cut into wedges ■ **Red capsicum:** 1
- **Broccoli** ■ **Mushroom:** 250 g ■ **Ginger**
- **Garlic cloves:** 2, finely chopped
- **Chillies:** 2, sliced ■ **Soy sauce:** 2 tbsp
- **Oyster sauce:** 1/2 tbsp
- **Water:** 1 tbsp
- **Coriander leaves**, for garnish
- **Cooked rice**

METHOD

- Heat wok. Add 1 tbsp oil. Add the chicken strips, stir-fry until cooked. Remove and keep aside.
- Add some more oil, stir-fry onion and capsicum for 2 minutes. Add mushrooms, ginger, garlic and chillies. Sprinkle salt and stir-fry until you get the aroma.
- Add soy sauce, oyster sauce, water and toss for 1 minute. Add the chicken. Garnish with coriander and serve with cooked rice.

— Noel, Hyderabad

SOUND BOARD

ANUPAM CARES
Anupam shares the stories that happened off-screen. You'll hear about his childhood mischief in the hills of Shimla, the highs and lows of his early career, and the lessons learned along the way. And each episode, you'll also hear stories of unsung heroes from around the world.
- On Gaana.com

SADHGURU SPEAKS
Sadhguru, a Yogi, mystic and visionary, is a spiritual master with a difference. His life and work serve as a reminder that yoga is not an esoteric discipline from an outdated past, but a contemporary science, vitally relevant to our times.
- On Gaana.com

MANADHIL AMAIDHI VENDUM
A guided meditation series in Tamil, to make you feel at peace. The show focuses on self love and positivity which can be achieved through a mindful meditation exercise. Every episode offers a dedicated meditation.
- On Gaana.com

SHADOW
It's a popular crime thriller novel which is a detective centric story written by popular telugu writer Madhu Babu. Shadow is also expected to be made as a feature film in telugu soon.
- On Gaana.com

KADAL PURA
Kadal pura is a popular novel written by ace tamil writer Sandilyan who is known for writing stories by blending historical events. This audio drama offers the wholesome experience of feeling the richness of the story and characters involved.
- On Gaana.com

Courtesy: Gaana.com

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

SIMHADRI
Simhadri, the son of a farmer, gets his sister Nandhini married to a rich man's son. However, she is mistreated by her in-laws after the marriage and Simhadri decides to help her
- Cast: Duniya Vijay, Suchendra Prasad

SAMHAARA
After Sri, a chef who is a visually-impaired, meets with an accident, the doctors manage to restore his vision. When he learns that his former lover is in trouble, he decides to help her.
- Cast: Chiranjeevi Sarja, Kavya Shetty, Haripriya

I LOVE YOU
Santosh, a carefree youth, parts ways with his lover, Dharmika, during his college days. Years later, after his marriage to Gowri, he runs into her, which leaves him in a dilemma.
- Cast: Upendra, Rachita Ram

AYOGYA
Siddhe Gowda, an unemployed man, decides to run against Bachche Gowda, the village head, in the local election. He also begins to fall in love with Nandini, the daughter of a marriage broker.
- Cast: Satish Ninasam, Rachita Ram

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

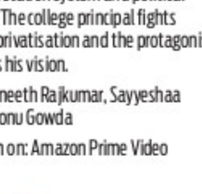
WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW TO BE YOUR BEST SELF IN TIMES OF CRISIS BY SUSAN DAVID
Psychologist Susan David shares wisdom on how to build resilience, courage and joy in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. She offers ways to talk to your children about their emotions, keep focus during the crisis and help those working on the front lines.

2 GAMING CAN MAKE A BETTER WORLD BY JANE MCGONIGAL
Games like World of Warcraft give players the means to save worlds, and incentive to learn the habits of heroes. What if we could harness this gamer power to solve real-world problems? Jane McGonigal says we can, and explains how.

3 TURNING POWERFUL STATS INTO ART BY CHRIS JORDAN
Artist Chris Jordan shows us an arresting view of what Western culture looks like. His supersized images picture some almost unimaginable statistics -- like the astonishing number of paper cups we use every single day.

4 WHY DO WE LOVE? A PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY BY SKYE C CLEARY
If romantic love has a purpose, neither science nor psychology has discovered it yet – but over the course of history, some philosophers have put forward some intriguing theories. Skye C Cleary outlines five of these philosophical perspectives on why we love.



5 A YOUNG SCIENTIST'S QUEST FOR CLEAN WATER BY DEEPIKA KURUP
Deepika Kurup has been determined to solve the global water crisis since she was 14 years old, after she saw kids outside her grandparents' house in India drinking water that looked too dirty even to touch. Her research began in her family kitchen -- and eventually led to a major science prize. Hear how this teenage scientist developed a cost-effective, eco-friendly way to purify water.

FIT BIT

ANJALI MUDRA
(NAMASTE MUDRA)

In Sanskrit, 'Anjali' means salutation, and 'Mudra' means gesture. Anjali mudra is associated with spirituality and aids in meditation. All yoga classes often conclude with this mudra while chanting Om as a way to seal the practice and honour oneself and fellow yogis. This mudra is also used in poses like Tadasana and Vrksasana and while beginning a Sun Salutation. Placing the hands and palms in this mudra, regulates the flow of energy and redirects it to a particular area of the body, depending on the mudra assumed. It promotes flexibility in the wrists and arm joints. It also stimulates the Anahata (Heart) Chakra. It improves focus during meditation, promotes mindfulness and inner awareness.

STEPS

- Sit in any comfortable seated posture like Padmasana, Siddhasana, Swastikasana, Vajrasana, etc. and place your hands on your knees or thighs; palm facing upwards.
- Close your eyes and take some deep breaths with the awareness of the breathing process.
- Bring both your hands together in front of your chest or the Anahata Chakra, and press the palms together.
- The fingers must point upward and should be kept extended as much as possible.
- The thumbs should rest against the sternum.
- Removing all thoughts from the mind has to focus the mind only on OM.
- Do not decrease or increase the speed of breath.
- Perform this pose for 35 minutes at a stretch every day or for 10 to 12 minutes three times a day.
- You can practise this mudra by standing in Tadasana, Reverse Prayer, Malasana, Hanumanasana, Matsyasana and Vriksasana, otherwise sitting on a chair.
- The gesture can also be done with the tips of the thumb resting against the 'third eye' (between the eyebrows), or the 'crown chakra'.
- The prayer posture is usually accompanied by a slight bending of the head.

BENEFITS

- Helps in curing various diseases.
- Most commonly used for meditation.
- Most effective mudra for anger control. Brings peace to mind and mind.
- Nervousness is removed from the body.
- Brings balance to the right and left hemispheres of the brain. Improves concentration and core awareness.

LIMITATIONS

- While practising this mudra as part of meditation, care should be taken with yoga poses.
- Students with stiff arms, shoulders, wrists, or with an injury should avoid stretching the arms above the head or even twisting the shoulders in this Mudra.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

SAINA (Hindi)
The story of Saina Nehwal, a professional badminton player who ranked number 1 in the sport.
Cast: Parineeti Chopra, Mukesh Agrohari, Olga Anand, Rohan Apte
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

THOTTAPPAN (Malayalam)
When his partner in crime goes missing, a small-time crook's life is transformed as he dedicates himself to raising the daughter his friend left behind.
Cast: Vinayakan, Priyamvada Krishnan, Manoj K. Jayan
- Watch on: Netflix

AGENT SAI SRINIVASA ATHREYA (Telugu)
Agent Sai Srinivasa Athreya is an authentic humorous investigative thriller revolving around the adventures of a detective based out of Nellore.
Cast: Naveen Polishetty, Shruti Sharma, Shredha Rajagopalan
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

ROBERRT (Kannada)
Raghava lives in Lucknow with his son Arjun and is the head cook in a Brahmin's catering unit. He leads a peaceful existence, wanting the best for his son. All seems to go well, until some skeletons come tumbling out of his closet and he is forced to take on his original avatar.
Cast: Darshan, Asha Bhatt
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

PARAMAPADHAM VILAYATTU (Tamil)
The local party leader gets hospitalised, Dr Gayathri tries her best to cure him, but he dies. The leader's son is forced to take over while Dr Gayathri tells him about the conspiracy over his father's death.
Cast: Trisha Krishnan, Nandha, Richard Rishi
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

JATHI RATNALU (Telugu)
The plot revolves around the three prisoners. They get released and plan for a happy life outside. Things take a new turn and bring in a twist. Can they find happiness and love now?
Cast: Naveen Polishetty, Priyadarshi, Rahul Ramakrishna
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

YUVARATHNAA (Kannada)
A reputed college that is now on the verge of closing due to the privatisation of the education system and political reasons. The college principal fights against privatisation and the protagonist supports his vision.
Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Sayyeshaa Saigal, Sonu Gowda
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE SINNER (English, series)
Anthology series that examines how and why ordinary people commit brutal crimes.
Cast: Bill Pullman, Dohn Norwood, Adam LeFevre
- Watch on: Netflix

BURNING (Korean)
Jong-su bumps into a girl who used to live in the same neighborhood, who asks him to look after her cat while she's on a trip to Africa. When back, she introduces Ben, a mysterious guy she met there, who confesses his secret hobby.
Cast: Ah-in Yoo, Steven Yeun, Jong-seo Jun
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

LUCIFER (English, series)
Lucifer Morningstar has decided he's had enough of being the dutiful servant in Hell and decides to spend some time on Earth to better understand humanity. He settles in Los Angeles - the City of Angels.
Cast: Tom Ellis, Lauren German, Kevin Alejandro
- Watch on: Netflix

HELL'S KITCHEN (English, series)
World renowned chef Gordon Ramsay puts aspiring young chefs through rigorous cooking challenges and dinner services at his restaurant in Hollywood, "Hell's Kitchen".
Cast: Gordon Ramsay, Jean Philippe Susilovic, Scott Leibfried
- Watch on: Netflix

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COPING WITH ANXIETY

In these tough times, it's easy to let your mind spiral with thoughts of doom and gloom. Here's how you can manage symptoms of the condition

DR. NEERAJ RAJ B

HAVE you been suffering from repeated spells of anxiety? People with anxiety can often get trapped in a cycle or a loop of negative thoughts. An individual may experience various different triggers that set off an anxiety attack. Situations that spark uncertainty about the future, such as the ongoing pandemic, can worsen symptoms. A trigger can be as simple as an every-day object - say for example, seeing a bottle of sanitizer, certain colours or disturbing patterns, needles, etc can trigger fear and compel the individual to ruminate or completely lose focus on tasks at hand. The following are some simple tips to help cope with general symptoms of anxiety:

Use this time to understand your anxiety triggers

Map out a chart to help capture various triggers and the thought patterns that are associated with them. Spend some time every day with your thoughts to understand the link between thought, emotion and behaviour. You could rank each trigger or thought pattern with a corresponding level of fear/anxiety that it elicits in you, and try to devise methods to overcome these gradually.

Finding clarity with the help of distraction and relaxation exercises

Writing, talking loudly to yourself, talking to a loved and trusted person or talking to a therapist are ways in which it becomes easier for you to see your thoughts more clearly. Slowly replace anxiety causing thought patterns with a more neutral or positive outlook. When the fear is overwhelming, use distraction to stop spiralling in a negative loop of thoughts and practice relaxation exercises.

Seek community support

Form a support group or become part of a pre-existing one to discuss your experiences and share coping strategies with each other. Sometimes just talking to someone and explaining what you are experiencing in detail will help ease the pain, however ensure that it is a neutral or empathetic listener.

Manage triggers

News items and social media posts are some of the most common triggers for people with anxiety. Avoid mindless scrolling and make an effort to consciously stay away from news or social media outlets that trigger fear of the future. Use credible news sources and check these once or twice a day.

Regulate your daily schedule

Spend more time doing activities that help you focus your attention and make you feel in control of your situation. This could be drawing/painting, online window shopping, engaging online games, cooking etc. Keep a certain time of the day for exercise, meditation, yoga to relieve stress and mental fatigue. Resist the temptation to check emails, messages or take work phone calls after working hours. If you are overwhelmed by fear, seek professional help as anti-anxiety medication may be required if it causing significant dysfunction in day-to-day life.

(The author is a consultant psychiatrist, Aster RV Hospital)

NO EXCUSES, PERIOD

GET MOVING
Shwetambari Shetty

IT'S "that time of the month". You're cramping, bloated, annoyed. You need a hot water bottle and no interruptions - just some me time to curl up in a ball and let it pass. If only fitness and period trackers just calculated that you were burning 500 calories per hour when your periods are on! Life would be so different. But, since we can only wish for these things, it's time to look at this situation practically.

Periods are a normal physiological phenomenon. It's 2021, and there are still a lot of myths and taboos around periods. This thinking also impacts women's efforts towards their fitness journey. Lots of women still think twice before working out during their periods. This need not be the case. It is absolutely imperative to do what the body says. If you feel like a day's rest would help you, then go ahead. If you want to exercise, then maybe modify it such that you are comfortable.

Busting common myths around working out during your period

It is unsafe: False. Unless you suffer from severe cramping and bleeding, there is no proven scientific reason to avoid working out at this time.

You have low energy levels, so it is best to avoid working out: Estrogen and progesterone are at their lowest, however, this doesn't mean you shouldn't exercise at all!

You burn more calories during this time: While this sounds ideal, it's not true. You burn calories when you exercise or are doing any aerobic activity.

Are there benefits to working out during your periods?

If you adhere to your routine, and adapt it to your cycle, regular exercise can help ease many of the symptoms associated with periods. For instance: Decreases PMS symptoms like fatigue, mood swings, bloating that usually starts at 1-2 weeks, reduces menstrual cramps because exercising releases endorphins (feel good hormone) it elevates the mood and acts like natural painkillers, and acts as a mood elevator, reduces anxiety, depression.

There are also the long-term benefits of regular exercise like helping to control hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, chronic heart conditions, obesity, hormonal imbalance - PCOS, and much more. Being realistic and listening to your body goes a long way in helping you decide on whether you want to walk or run a few kilometers. It is also perfectly fine to relax once in a while on the couch, with a hot bag and some TV if the body demands some pampering. The key is to enjoy what you are doing and being guilt-free!

What to avoid?

Exercising during periods should not put extra stress on the body or cause pain. Though not proven, you can avoid doing inverted yoga positions, including handstands, shoulder stands, or legs on the wall, which could encourage blood flow to the opposite direction of where it's supposed to go. Avoid strenuous prolonged exercises and stop when you feel too much pain or fatigue. The first thing is to find a menstrual product that suits your workout. For instance, if you swim, a tampon or menstrual cup would be a better option than disposable pads. You can even combine products to avoid staining on your clothes. Use what works for you. Adjust your exercises to suit you. It is difficult to work out at full intensity all the time because of how the hormones keep changing. Try adjusting the intensity and duration of your exercises for the best outcome. If you enjoy exercising there is nothing that can stop you. Don't disrupt your workout routine. It doesn't have to be a high intensity, hardcore workout, just keep it moving and vary your workout according to your energy levels and release some endorphins. Take some time to recover. And finally, honour what you are capable of!

(The author is a fitness expert with Cure.fit)

RECOMMENDED WORKOUTS

- **Walking:** Low-impact, easy, can control time and speed, no special equipment, clothing or location needed.
- **Light cardio:** Something simple and for a short duration like jogging, cycling, swimming or aerobics.
- **Strength training:** Lighter weights than your usual, if you are comfortable
- **Yoga / Pilates:** Opt for gentle stretching and balancing. This relaxes the muscles and could help reduce muscle tension and stress thus helping in combating cramps and pain.

All about flower power

VAISHALI VIJAYKUMAR

ROSES are red, violets are blue. But did you know they are a powerhouse of skin and hair-enhancing properties too? Lilies, jasmine, hibiscus, sunflower — for long, they have found a place in scrubs, face masks, hair masks and other body care products. With the sun shining bright and all the flowers in bloom, it is a great time to visit your backyard, pluck, grind and smear them on your skin and hair for that summer glow. Nutritionist Meena Reddy and botanist Devasena Raj highlight the benefits of some commonly used flowers that go into your everyday wellness products, to ensure you pick the right one.

CALENDULA OR POT MARIGOLD

Skincare

It's antimicrobial and useful in addressing issues like rashes and acne.

Haircare

Used in serums, shampoos and creams. Hydrates your hair. Helps in managing the fungal overgrowth.

On the shelves

Calendula is used in cosmetic products such as nourishing cream, soaps, oils and moisturiser.

CALENDULA HAIR OIL

Ingredients

Calendula flower petals: 1/2 cup, Olive oil: 100 ml

Method

Fill your jar about halfway with calendula petals.

Pour olive oil into the jar until it's just about full.

The herbs must be covered completely with oil, if some oil evaporates, add more.

Close the jar with a piece of cloth and rubber band so it can breathe and place it in a sunny spot. Shake occasionally to redistribute the jar's contents.

After 4-6 weeks, pour the jar's contents through a small strainer or a muslin bag in a jar with a lid that is dry and clean. Don't forget to squeeze the muslin bag before discarding it.-

ROSE

Skincare

Tones and softens the skin. Helps in regenerating skin tissues. Known as wrinkle eraser and hydrator.

Haircare

Prevents acne, nourishes scalp, boosts hair growth and reduces dandruff. Promotes hair growth.

On the shelves

Rose petals are widely used in cosmetic products such as age rejuvenating serum, luxury oils, face masks, glow kits, hydrating gels and radiance creams.

ROSE FACE PACK

Ingredients

Beetroot powder: 1 tsp

Dried hibiscus flower powder: 1 tsp

Rose petal powder: 1 tsp

Oats flour: 2 tsp

Curd or yoghurt: 5 tsp

Honey: 1 tsp

Method

Mix all the ingredients well to a smooth paste.

Evenly apply a thick layer of this pack on your face and neck, and leave it on for 30 minutes.

Gently exfoliate and rinse thoroughly with cold water.

LOTUS

Skincare

Treats dry skin and helps in improving the elasticity of the skin.

Helps in removing fine lines and wrinkles.

Packed with vitamins A, B, C that help in making the skin complexion brighter, radiant and hydrates the skin.

Haircare

Helps in preventing premature greying.

Using lotus oil is the best way to boost the growth of hair and make it shiny and healthy.

On the shelves

Lotus is used in cosmetic products such as serum, brightening cream, moisturisers, glow kits, aroma oils and body mists.

LOTUS FACE MASK

Ingredients

Lotus flower: 10-12 petals

Milk: 2-3 tsp

Method

Grind lotus petals and milk together.

Apply this paste all over the face and leave it on for 10 minutes.

Rinse and pat-dry later.

NUGGETS

Sudden fatigue, drop in platelets also Covid symptom

Sudden fatigue with a sudden drop in platelets in blood is also a symptom of Covid-19 in initial stages, while fever and extreme breathlessness develops later. According to medical experts, if ignored, these initial symptoms could prove to be fatal. Prof Santosh Kumar, respiratory medicine department KGMU, said, "In every viral infection, platelet count drops. Therefore, one should not ignore fatigue and exhaustion and get themselves tested for Covid-19." - IANS

Smokers, vegetarians less vulnerable to Covid infection: Study

A survey conducted by CSIR (Council of Scientific Industrial Research) has revealed that smokers and vegetarians are less likely to get Covid-19. The survey suggested smoking may be protective, despite Covid-19 being a respiratory disease, due to its role in increasing the mucous production that may be acting as the first line of defence among the smoking population. It indicated that vegetarian food rich in fibre may have a role to play in providing immunity against COVID-19. - IANS

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BERKLEY TEASER TO BE OUT ON APRIL 30

The film directed by Sumanth Kranthi stars Santhosh Balraj and Simran Natekar

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The teaser of director Sumanth Kranthi's *Berkley* will be released on April 30. The film stars *Ganapa* hero Santhosh Balraj and Simran Natekar.

The film created a buzz with its title, which is similar to a cigarette brand. Coincidentally, Simran is the child artiste from in popular 'No smoking ad' that still appears in theatres, and this has increased the buzz.

Throwing light on this, Sumanth says that *Berkley* is the pet name of the hero, and it has nothing to do with the cigarette brand. "There were questions raised by the audience when we had released the look and the title, and with Simran Natekar as the heroine. The film, nor the title has anything to do with the cigarette brand. The name was catchy. So I opted to have it as the film's name," he says.

"*Berkley* is a revenge thriller, and the teaser will give a glimpse of the various characters and the outline of the story genre, " says Sumanth, who also directed *Kaalachakra,* starring Vasishta Simha.

Written by Sumanth and bankrolled by Anekal Balraj's Santhosh Enterprises banner, *Berkley* also stars senior actors Shruti and Charan Raj. While Judah Sandy is the composer of *Berkley*, Krishna Kumar is working as the cinematographer.

Currently, Sumanth is getting ready with the first copy, and is in the process of applying to the Censor Board.

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Sumanth Kranthi, director

Simran Natekar and Santhosh Balraj

LET'S BREAK UP SEES A CHANGE IN CAST

Swaroop's romantic drama stars Shri Mahadev and Rachana Inder as lead pair will be produced by Pradeep Yadav

Rachana Inder

A SHARADHAA

SWAROOP'S next directorial, *Let's Break Up*, is set to undergo a change of cast and production house. The director has brought in Shri Mahadev of *Iruvudellava Bittu* fame and *Love Mocktail* actor Rachana Inder as the lead pair instead of Vihaan and Sanjana Doss. Swaroop, who has previously worked under Upendra, made his debut venture with *Lucknow to Bengaluru,* starring Vijay Surya, and this will be his second project.

Penned by Swaroop himself, this romantic film will be bankrolled by Pradeep Yadav. The makers began the project with the script pooja on April 9. They have also shot for a teaser, and have conducted a few days of the workshop. However, owing to the current Covid 19 situation in the State, the team has pushed the muhurath date. The team now hopes to commence the project by May-end or June, depending on the pandemic situation.

Rachana, who made her debut in Krishna's *Love Mocktail,* is also working in the Ganesh-starrer *Tribble Riding* directed by Mahesh Gowda and is also part of *Harikathe Alla Girikathe* starring Rishab Shetty. For the actor, who has been part of multi starrers so far, *Let's Break Up* will mark her first film as a solo lead. The actor, who is waiting to complete the shooting for both these films, is geared up to begin work for *Let's Break Up.*

Shri Mahadev, who made his transition from tele-serials to silver screen has now been part of two projects, *Hondisi Bareyiri*, and Gajanana and Gang.

Shri Mahadev

Kannada producer Ramu succumbs to Covid-19

CE FEATURES

WELL-known Kannada producer and distributor, and husband of actor Malashree, Ramu passed away this evening due to Coronavirus. He had tested positive for Covid-19 and was admitted to Ramaiah Hospital four days ago. He was 52 years old and is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

Ramu, made his debut as a producer with *Golibar* in 1993, and bankrolled over 40 films, including blockbusters like *Lockup Death, AK47, Kalasipalya, Circle Inspector, Simahada Mari, Hollywood* and *Auto Shankar.* He also distributed a lot of south Indian films through his distribution company, Ramu Enterprises. He was popularly known as 'Koti Ramu' as he was one of the first producers to invest crores on big-budget films. Ramu also produced a handful of female-centric films, mostly starring his wife, Malashree. People from the film fraternity are mourning the producer's loss.

His last production *99,* starring Ganesh and Bhavana, was released in 2019. The producer was gearing up to release his next venture, *Arjun Gowda,* starring Prajwal Devaraj and directed by Lucky Shankar.

Director Lucky Shankar said, "This is definitely unfortunate. Even after getting intensive treatment, he wasn't saved. I was in constant touch with him for the film, and I would often enquire about his health. He was in the hospital for the last three days and was recovering. His death was unexpected."

Actor Prajwal had met the producer at the recent press meet and he tells us that if not for the pandemic, Ramu had plans to release *Arjun Gowda* around this time. "Ramu's first film as a producer was *Golibar,* starring my father (Devaraj), and his last film happens to be mine. His passing is unfortunate and a huge loss to the Kannada industry."

Ramu

Mallika Sherawat's look from Pampattam revealed

CE FEATURES

MALLIKA Sherawat's look from the upcoming Tamil film, *Pampattam,* has been released. One of the first look posters features the actor riding a horse while holding a sword.

Billed as a fantasy film, the project is helmed by VC Vadivudaiyan, who has earlier directed Thambi Vettothi Sundaram, Sowkarpettai, and Pottu.

Pampattam features Jeevan, Yashika Aannand, and Rittika Sen in the lead roles. The film marks Mallika Sherawat's return to Tamil cinema, after appearing in a brief role in Kamal Haasan's *Dasavathaaram* and in a dance number in Osthe.

Mallika was last in the Alt Balaji-produced web series *Booo Sabki Phategi,* alongside Tusshar Kapoor and Krushna Abhishek, in 2019.

'HONEST STORIES TRANSCEND ALL BOUNDARIES'

...says Swati Thiyagarajan, environmental journalist, and production manager of the Academy Award-winning documentary, *My Octopus Teacher*

NAVEIN DARSHAN

Environmental filmmaker Craig Foster and his team scarcely imagined that their documentary, *My Octopus Teacher,* would travel around the world, let alone win the highest honours at BAFTA and the Oscars. Craig, who was supposedly going through a rough patch in his life, found hope in the form of an octopus in the Great African Sea Forest. His wife, and production manager of *My Octopus Teacher,* Swati Thiyagarajan, shares that his daily encounters with the creature got him back on track, made him feel closer to his family once again, and now, has helped win an Academy Award.

Swati believes that acquisition of the film by Netflix convinced them that they were onto something. "We realised then that our documentary has global appeal. And yet, we were not prepared for what was to come," she says, and attributes the popularity of the film to word-of-mouth publicity. "Our email servers crashed during the first four days of the premiere. We had messages popping up every second." The purpose was always to touch the lives of people, she shares. "All the messages we got were deeply personal. Those suffering from depression told us that the film helped them heal. Even children were writing long emotional messages to us. It affirmed our belief that honest content cuts across all cultural and linguistic barriers."

Excerpts from the conversation:

At what point do you think that this personal story turned into a universal story of inspiration?

It all started just with Craig. He was going through issues and he felt nature was the only source that could heal him. Craig was diving every single day without the idea of filming anything. He was going through a tough time as his previous four films had caused him to burn out. He sunk into the ecosystem for practice, for meditation and therapy. During the process, he couldn't help but feel so inspired by nature and the octopus friend he met, that he started filming it. Even then, it was still a personal exercise. As he is a cinematographer himself, he knew where to place the camera. At one point, he realised that the octopus was not an ordinary one and felt that the story he shared with it must be said on a larger scale. He then brought his friend, Roger Horrocks, for additional cinematography. That is really how it all began.

He didn't want a massive crew and all the excess equipment as he believes that it disturbs the ecosystem. He wanted to keep the film intimate. So, it was just him, Roger, and the director, Pippa Ehrlich, underwater.

Craig has directed all of his previous films, except this one.

He wanted a director who could be a bit emotionally distant from the project. As he knew he was going to be featured throughout, he felt it would be better to have someone else at the helm.

Usually, he makes his films with his brother, Daymond. But this time, Daymond had to opt out due to personal commitments. Our long-time friend and associate Pippa Ehrlich came onboard as the director, and was accompanied by James Reed, the co-director, who did a brilliant job creating a solid narrative for the story.

Being an environmental journalist and enthusiast yourself, what were your contributions to this film?

I was able to understand why Craig chose to dive every single day and explore underwater. When I am unhappy or exhausted, I also find peace through nature. We had a common point there, and I was able to understand what was going on in his mind.

Even before we started to see this as a film, he would come back every day after his dive and share the footage and photographs of what he saw and discuss them with me. We often have conversations on how nature makes us feel and evolve as humans. From all of our conversations, all of the ideas we often shared, I believe that Craig got the source material for the film.

I was in the whole process from start to finish and offered inputs about the environmental aspect of this film.

The story of *My Octopus Teacher* goes through a typical hero's journey. Were you fortunate that everything fell into place?

Yes, we were highly fortunate. But we would have gone ahead and made an impactful environmental film, even if Craig hadn't met this particularly interesting Octopus. You can't structure a documentary really; you just have to go with a flow and find your story.

And yes, I do believe that all successful documentaries follow the template of the hero's journey, which encourages the audience to root for the protagonist on screen. Yesteryear films like Free Solo and Cove were about a rock climber and an investigative journalist, respectively, but they too had the same core emotion. They were all about journeys. Be it a documentary or fiction, all human journeys are extraordinary. Ultimately, it is the hook of the story that matters.

It took an ocean and a year's time for Craig to get over his difficult time. Do you think a film can change a person's life as deeply?

Absolutely. Everything that happens around us is propelled because of a story. We are hardwired to be drawn towards stories. If the stories are accompanied by arresting visuals, the impact becomes even bigger. Be it capitalism or political ideologies, everything needs to be accompanied by a strong story to convince the people. When two-minute-long ads can make people buy products, can't a two-hour-long film change a life?

Swati Thiyagarajan